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## *Upper Mississippi River System Environmental Management Program*

The Princeton Wildlife Management Area was completed as part of the Environmental Management Program; a program authorized by Congress in 1986. It has two primary missions: to protect and restore aquatic and wetland habitats throughout the Upper Mississippi River System and to carry out system-wide monitoring and research to gain a better understanding of the Upper Mississippi River ecosystem.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was designated by Congress as the program's lead agency. The program is implemented in close partnership with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the U.S. Geological Survey, and the states of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin.

Erosion and sedimentation are widely considered to be major causes of the river's most severe environmental problems. Sediment is continuously filling in the system's critical backwaters, side channels and wetlands. Suspended sediment decreases light penetration, which results in reduced aquatic and wetland plant growth. The erosion of islands and shorelines by wind and watercraft-generated waves causes additional erosion. The net result of erosion and sedimentation is the degradation or complete loss of important fish and wildlife habitats.

Environmental Management Program habitat projects, like the Princeton Wildlife Management Area project, are designed to offset the negative impacts of erosion and sedimentation. This is done by protecting existing critical habitats; restoring backwaters, side channels and floodplain wetlands; and developing areas that mimic the natural system. Through the Environmental Management Program habitat diversity can be maintained and productivity increased.

The performance of each project is closely monitored so its effectiveness can be fully considered in the construction of future habitat protection and restoration projects.

## *Princeton Wildlife Management Area*

### *Dedication Ceremony*



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# *Princeton Wildlife Management Area*

The Princeton Wildlife Management Area is located in Scott County, Iowa, adjacent to Pool 14 of the Mississippi River, between river miles 504 and 506.4. It lies within the Upper Mississippi River Flyway, a major migration route for waterfowl and other migratory birds. Habitat improvements made here are benefiting migrating and nesting waterfowl, wading birds, furbearers and other wetland-dwelling species.

This habitat rehabilitation and enhancement project was completed as a cooperative effort between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. This project substantially improved the overall availability, quality and diversity of several important habitat types and will produce important wildlife benefits for many years to come.

Features of the Princeton Wildlife Management Area include excavating approximately 24 inches of soil in three areas to create additional shallow-water ponding areas and marshlands. The excavated material was used to restore the existing perimeter levee and to construct a low-level cross dike. The cross dike subdivided the area into two cells that can be independently managed. Water control structures, one 36-inch gatewell and three stop-log structures, were constructed and the existing 16,000 gallons per minute pump was relocated to the cross dike to greatly enhance water-level management capabilities. Mast (nut producing) trees were planted in selected areas to provide important food resources and habitat diversity.

Completion of the project has allowed greater flexibility in water level and vegetation management to produce a combination of open water, marsh vegetation and floodplain forest, and has provided reliable food, cover and resting areas for a variety of birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians. This project meets management objectives of the sponsoring agencies and supports the national goals of the North American Waterfowl Management Program and the Partners in Flight program.

## *Schedule of Events*

### *Introduction*

Mr. Bob Sheets, State Wildlife Biologist, Department of Natural Resources  
Mr. Leo Foley, P.E., Project Manager, Rock Island District

### *Invocation*

Chaplain (Maj.) Daniel J.G.G. Block

### *Presentation of the Colors & Pledge of Allegiance*

American Legion Buffalo Bill Post 347 of LeClaire, Iowa

### *Remarks*

Honorable Jim Leach  
Representative in Congress  
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Colonel James Mudd  
Commander, Rock Island District  
Corps of Engineers

Mr. Al Farris  
Administrator, Fish & Wildlife Division  
Department of Natural Resources

Mr. Charlie Wooly  
Assistant Regional Director for  
Ecological Services & Fisheries Program  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Mr. Jeffrey A. Stein  
Mississippi River Regional Representative  
American Rivers

Ms. Sheila Bosworth  
Executive Committee Member, Eagle View Group  
Sierra Club

### *Presentation of Partnering Awards*

### *Sign Unveiling & Raptor Release*

### *Benediction*

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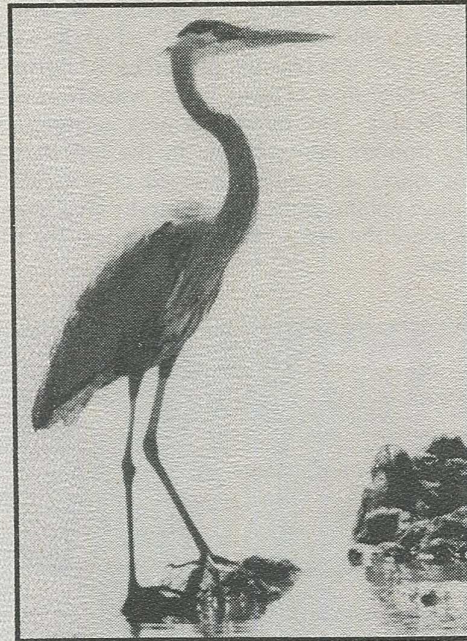


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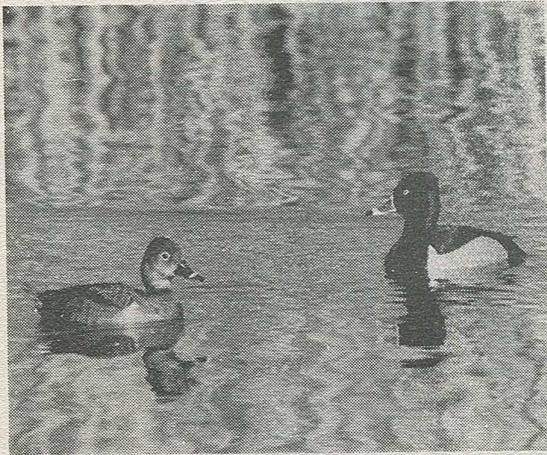


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## What Is Princeton?

The Princeton Wildlife Area involves 1,190 acres of land adjacent to the Mississippi River in Scott County. It is immediately downstream from the mouth of the Wapsipinicon River. This area is comprised of wetlands enclosed by a 3½ mile levee to protect it from spring flooding. The wetlands provide an area attractive to waterfowl, furbearers and non-game species. A 340 acre refuge established on the south half of the wetland area in 1979 was recently moved to the north half. The change now affords better waterfowl resting and feeding. The remaining area accommodates more hunters and trappers in the fall. A native grass stand and state managed crop fields also produce upland game species on the area, many of which use the dense cattails and sedges for winter habitat.



## About Princeton

Princeton was originally designed as a farm drainage district with a flood protection levee built around it. When the lock and dam system was built on the Mississippi in the mid 1930s, government agencies purchased the area for flood rights. Today 772 acres are licensed to the DNR by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under a permanent management license. The remaining 418 acres are

owned by the DNR. Water levels in the wetland are actively managed and raised each fall prior to the waterfowl hunting and trapping seasons.

## What Is There To Do At Princeton?

The Princeton Wildlife area affords a wide variety of things to do on a year-round basis. The area is most actively managed for waterfowl and furbearers. And as expected, waterfowl hunting and trapping of furbearers are the most common activities at Princeton. Upland game hunting is also popular during the fall on adjacent native grass stands and state managed crop fields. Later in the fall upland game is also pursued in the marsh cover. A 20 car parking lot and cement boat ramp on the southeast boundary provide access to the Mississippi River by boat for fishermen and recreational boaters. Canoes or flat bottom boats are the best means for marsh travel. A 40 car parking lot and rock boat ramp occur along the west central boundary for marsh explorers. Other popular activities at Princeton include nature study, photography, primitive camping, and "levee" hiking. A target range is also located on the north end of the area. There are 5 parking lots and 3 boat ramps at the Princeton Wildlife Area.

## What Is In The Making?

Recent improvements at Princeton have vastly increased the area's potential. In 1983 major earth grading and tree removal on the 3½ mile levee made it more capable of withstanding floodwaters. To complement this, a high capacity water pump was installed with financial help from area conservation organizations. The pump made it possible to add several feet of water to the wetlands - even during drought conditions. The new pump now allows the northern half of the wetland to receive adequate water, which was not possible in the past during dry years. The area is currently managed for waterfowl and furbearers and this will remain the main objective in the future. Annual summer water level reductions (draw downs) are used to stimulate plant growth in the marsh. Then, just prior to the waterfowl



migration, the wetlands are reflooded to attract migrating waterfowl. Further levee improvements are planned to improve the area's water holding capacity in the fall. A new boat ramp on the south end of the marsh was installed in 1989 to improve sportsmen access. A protective structure is also planned for the pumping unit to extend its life expectancy. Adjacent crop fields will also continue to be planted to attract waterfowl and upland game.



## Wildlife Species List

### Mammals

White-tailed Deer	Coyote
Fox and Gray Squirrel	Muskrat
Raccoon	Woodchuck
Opossum	Pocket Gopher
Cottontail Rabbit	13 Lined Ground Squirrel
Long-tailed Weasel	Norway Rat
River Otter	Eastern Chipmunk
Mink	Little Brown Bat
Striped Skunk	Mole
Spotted Skunk	Short-tailed Shrew
Badger	Meadow Vole
Flying Squirrel	Beaver
Red and Gray Fox	

Wild Turkey  
Ring-necked Pheasant  
Bobwhite Quail  
Gray Partridge  
Mallard  
Wood Duck  
Pintail  
Gadwall  
American Wigeon  
Lesser Scaup  
White-winged Scoter

American Merganser  
Common Loon  
Cormorant  
White Pelican  
Blue and Snow Geese  
Canada Goose  
Hooded Merganser  
Goldeneye  
Ruddy Duck  
Black Duck  
Bufflehead

Redhead  
Canvasback  
Pied-billed Grebe  
American Egret  
Green Heron  
Great Blue Heron  
Black-crowned  
Night Heron  
American Bittern  
Tundra Swan  
Shoveller

Ring-necked Duck  
Turkey Vulture  
Killdeer  
Wilson's Plover  
Franklin's Gull  
Whippoorwill  
Nighthawk  
Redtailed Hawk  
Marsh Hawk  
Bald Eagle  
Osprey

### Reptiles and Amphibians

Eastern Garter Snake  
Northern Water Snake  
Bullsnake  
Black Rat Snake  
Fox Snake  
Prairie Ringneck Snake  
Eastern Gray Treefrog

### Birds

Bluejay  
Cliff Swallow  
Purple Martin  
Crow  
Black-capped Chickadee  
Tufted Titmouse  
Evening Grosbeak  
Rose-breasted Grosbeak  
House Wren  
Catbird  
Brown Thrasher

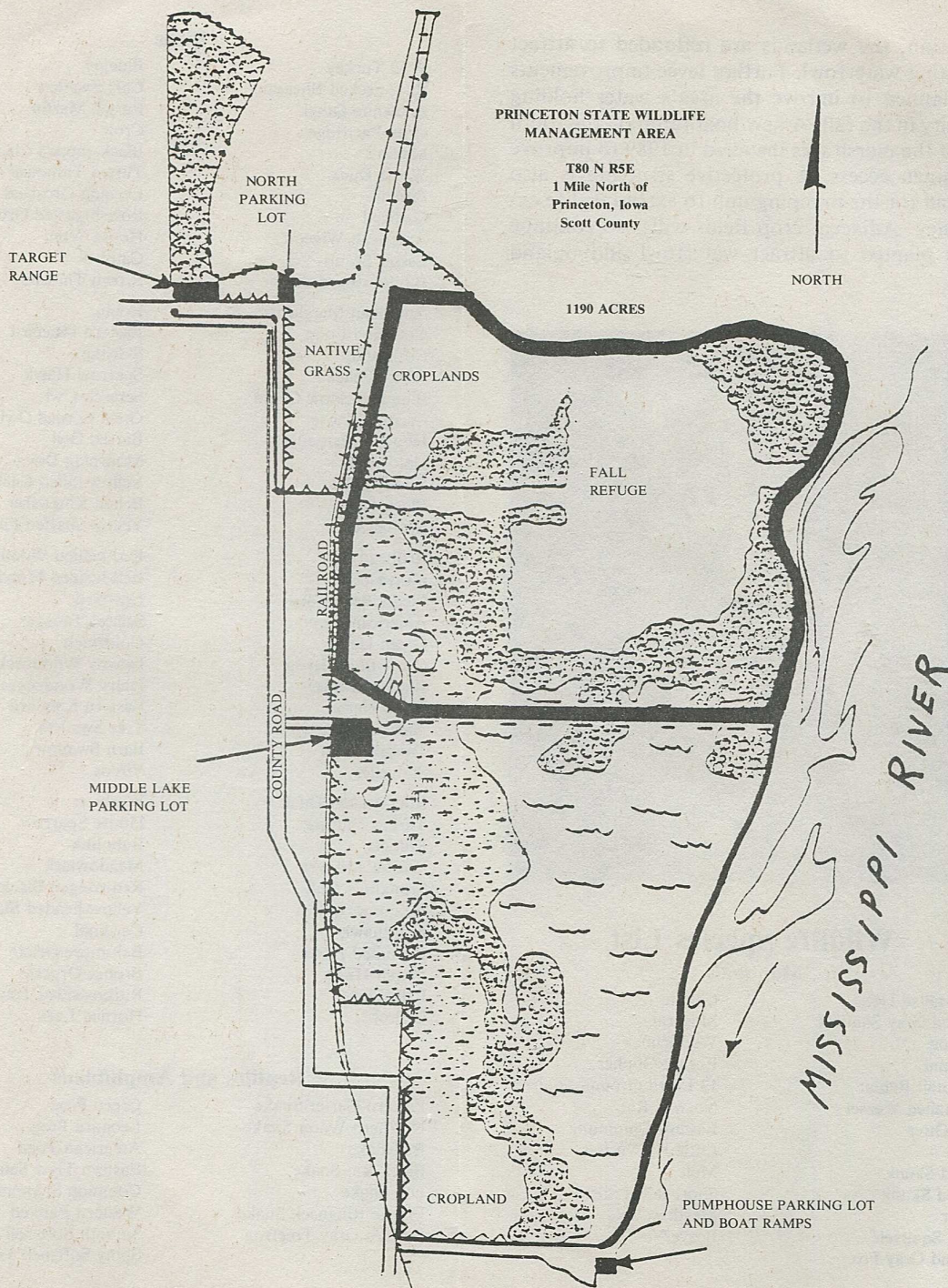
Robin  
Eastern Bluebird  
Starling  
Sparrow Hawk  
Screech Owl  
Great horned Owl  
Barred Owl  
Mourning Dove  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo  
Belted Kingfisher  
Yellow-shafted Flicker

Red-bellied Woodpecker  
Red-headed Woodpecker  
Cowbird  
Scarlet Tanager  
Goldfinch  
Downy Woodpecker  
Hairy Woodpecker  
Eastern Kingbird  
Tree Swallow  
Barn Swallow  
Vireos

Warblers  
House Sparrow  
Bobolink  
Meadowlark  
Red-winged Blackbird  
Yellow-headed Blackbird  
Cardinal  
Baltimore Oriole  
Bronze Grackle  
Rufous-sided Towhee  
Horned Lark

Green Frog  
Leopard Frog  
American Toad  
Eastern Tiger Salamander  
Common Snapping Turtle  
Western Painted Turtle  
Smooth Softshell Turtle  
Spiny Softshell Turtle







# The party's over at Bridges Restaurant

■ Princeton landmark to close; couple will keep catering business

By Barb Geerts  
NSP Staff Writer

It's 7 a.m. in the quaint river town of Princeton.

Dave Fanning unlocks the door of Bridges Restaurant and proceeds to put on a pot of coffee for the "regulars" who like to gather at the landmark bar and eatery hours before its scheduled 10:30 a.m. opening.

He doesn't work there. The owners — John and Sandy Bridges — gave him a key to the place so folks could do some jawin' over their morning cup of java even before the help arrived for the day.

"They come in here and have coffee and talk over the world events," says Sandy, indicating that no one pays a check, as there are no waitresses to write one up. The patrons are asked, simply, to drop their 50 cents in the kitty.

"We go on the honor system," she adds.

Such practices would seem to be the antithesis to entrepreneurial success.

But after 37 years in the bar and restaurant business, the Bridges see their customers more



Sandy and John Bridges

as clan members than consumers.

That's why the first of September will be, for them, a day of deep sadness.

That's the day Bridges Restaurant will serve up its last plate of famous "broasted" chicken to its faithful patrons.

The decision to close the restaurant was

"one of the hardest we've ever made," said the couple, whose surname has become synonymous with the city itself.

"We're busy enough in catering that we could close the restaurant. But that isn't why we're doing it. We just can't get reliable help to run the restaurant," lamented John, a transplanted Missourian. "I'm 64 years old. I don't want to be standing (in a kitchen) all day."

"We feel so bad," adds Sandy, his wife of 11 years. "All our customers are such good friends. It's hard walking through the dining room because everybody wants to talk to you.

I get crying every time. I'll be a basket case by Sept. 1."

The Bridges, who plan to keep their successful catering service, have devoted most of their days to the restaurant and catering service — one of several business endeavors they have launched.

"We're here at 7 a.m. until 9 at night, seven days a week. We were so excited when Memorial Day came around and we were going to close for *two* days. I said, 'There's

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## Sex offender leaves Walcott

By Scott Campbell  
NSP Editor

Aug. 22, 2001

sheriff's department since he's in charge of the sex registry program in Scott County.

Walcott residents apparently got their wish. Within hours of the Aug. 8 issue of *The NSP* hitting the streets last week, residents were whipped into a frenzy over an article reporting that a registered sex offender was living in the western Scott County community.

Walcott Police Chief Dave Kopatich, who had planned to take a few days of vacation last week, said he spent a lot of time on his cell phone talking to irate residents.

"You could say the community was upset," said Kopatich. "When the article came out in the paper people got all worked up about this. For the most part, I just listened. I also spent some time talking to Terry Glandon at the

"He and I went over some things, and in talking to him, this isn't the first time a community has undergone something like this."

What actually happened is that the streets were abuzz with the news that Keith Wayne Plett, 36, who was convicted of sexual abuse charges in 1996 and 1997 in Scott County, was living in an apartment at 131 E. Bryant Street.

The owner of the apartment building, Allen Nylin, checked into the matter after being

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# Bridges: Most employees will keep jobs

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something wrong with this picture. Everybody else gets two days off a week," John observed.

John had hoped that the closing would come and go with little hoopla. That could not happen in a town where everyone is *someone*, and no one is a *nobody* — least of all the Bridges.

"We didn't sneak it by, did we?" said John, who simply posted notices on the doors to announce the closing.

Sandy said that patrons are already making reservations for that final day, a wake of sorts for the long-time watering hole that John purchased back in 1965.

It was known as the Trading Post then, a tiny bar just a stone's throw from the railroad tracks.

"There were just 12 bar stools and three tables when I took it over," said John, who had purchased The Bank tavern in McCausland just six months earlier. He sold that bar to go into business in Princeton — a better location, he thought.

"When I opened up the tavern down here I was the youngest tavern owner in the state of Iowa. I was 27," he recalled.

John admits it was "probably pure accident" that he became a restaurateur.

"We just started doing food (in '75) and it just exploded," he said.

## Country-style cookin'

Although he was not a trained chef, the owner knew good food. And he figured farm fixin's were pretty tough to beat.

"I'll never forget the girls that were working for me (then). It was farm gals. They said, 'How are we gonna do this?' I said, 'We're gonna (cook) just like we do at home.' That's what we've based our business on and it's worked. I learned how to cook. If you're not scared to try it, you do it."

As the business grew, the circa-1940 facility grew also, with additions put on in 1969 and again in '75. The kitchen also has been expanded twice, according to John.

Bridges is famous for its chicken, prepared by a method known as "broasting."

"We bought into the Broaster Company. That's how we got started. We bought the first

broaster (machine) and in one month, we had to have three of them, we were so busy. Now we have nine."

Bridges Restaurant and Catering can whip up 280 pieces of chicken every 15 minutes, which is necessary when you handle numerous catering jobs simultaneously.

"Last Saturday we just fed 2,200 people with eight (catering) jobs — all going at the same time," John said.

"That was a rough day, by the way. But we have a wonderful staff," Sandy added.

Bridges has made somewhat of a name for itself as a "caterer to the stars," according to John, who has rubbed elbows with such luminaries as Rod Stewart, Johnny Paycheck, the Oak Ridge Boys and Ann Murray. He even has autographed pictures from the stars, many of whom request the catering service by name when they come to town.

"The Oak Ridge Boys say they remember the city (they played) by the food they had," said John, who usually makes those deliveries personally.

Almost all of the Bridges' employees — about 30 full- and part-time workers — will retain their jobs with the catering service. Some are second-generation staffers whose parents once served up the restaurant's signature salads and other down-home delicacies.

"A lot of John's employees have been with him 20 or 30 years now. That's unusual," says Sandy. "They're all like our kids now."

The Bridges are painfully aware that they aren't the only ones affected by the closing.

"I think it devastated the town — it really did," John said of the news.

"We're very, very sorry that it had to come to this. We want to thank everybody for all the support we've had for all the years we've been here," Sandy said. "And we'd like to thank our employees."

Not wishing to leave their patrons in the lurch, the Bridges are working with the only other full-service restaurant in town — Kernan's — to help fill the gap, as it were. They have offered their smorgasbord equipment and recipes for a noon buffet that will soon be available at Kernan's, if all goes well.

They're also hoping that the other restaurant can serve as the new meeting place for the



Sandy Bridges (left) chats with prep cook Melissa Ion as she literally wraps up another catering job at Bridges Restaurant and Catering in Princeton.

NSP Photo by Barb Geerts

various groups — including a ladies' luncheon card club — that have called Bridges "home" for many years. Who knows? The former competitor may even become the new "coffee central."

## The party's over

Still, residents will miss the camaraderie of the place — not to mention the free Tom & Jerry and Peppermint Patty drinks that have been a part of Bridges' New Year's celebrations seemingly forever. The Bridges host the annual party as a "customer appreciation" event.

"It's going to hurt the town financially," customer and city council member Dave Fanning said of the closing.

"Are you talking as ... Fanning the councilman, or as Dave?" inquires the jovial John.

"As Fanning the councilman," he replies. "Every business we lose hurts."

"It's going to be really different. I guess we'll have to just adjust," he went on.

Once the restaurant closes, the Bridges plan to "completely redo" the kitchen, tearing out equipment used for the restaurant, only, and setting it up exclusively for catering.

One thing that won't change is the giant chicken.

The sculpture of the queen-sized clucker — which John purchased "used" in LeMars as a promotional gimmick for the broasted chicken — has been roosting atop the building since the late 1970s, with nary a feather ruffled by the whoosh of passing trains.

"People keep asking me, 'What are you going to do with the chicken?' The chicken's staying," John insists, adding that the ponderous poult — bolted and welded to the roof to discourage would-be chicken thieves — is a valuable landmark for visitors unfamiliar with the town.

"Everybody says, 'Turn at the chicken,'" he states.

The Bridges joke that even the chicken is looking a little sad these days.

"Don't you see him frowning?" quips Sandy.

A little levity helps when they consider life without Bridges Restaurant.

"Just 16 more days," John says in a countdown to semi-retirement.

Both will miss the contact with customers.

"We've got a lot of stories to tell," muses Sandy.

Sharing them now does not seem fitting. But it's a sure bet customers will be regaling each other with "remember when's" once September rolls around. A huge crowd is expected for the restaurant's last hurrah.

"That's our last night for everybody to say goodbye," Sandy says, her voice cracking just a bit.

They will party and reminisce. And when 2 a.m. arrives, John will turn the key on a 37-year odyssey.

Says the restaurateur: "I unlocked the door that first day and I'm going to be here to close it."

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Princeton residents were out in force Sunday afternoon, making preparations for the flooding that is expected to occur along the Mississippi River this week. Among

the volunteers at Finn Gunn's residence on River Drive was all-state swimmer Nathan Billups (holding shovel).  
NSP Photo by Scott Campbell

# Here comes the flood

■ River communities brace for possible record flooding

By Scott Campbell  
NSP Editor

One week ago Finn Gunn was in Florida, still recuperating from back surgery in

January, and waiting for his wife to have surgery in two weeks.

Sunday, Gunn's wife was still in Florida, but the Princeton man was back home, waiting for Mother Nature to deliver her best shot to the Princeton riverfront, and watching as friends and neighbors did their best to try and stop her.

Yes, while many rural Scott County residents celebrated the anniversary of their

Risen Lord with big Easter dinners, such wasn't necessarily the case along the mighty Mississippi. There, residents were preparing to observe a different kind of resurrection, and one that wasn't nearly as appealing.

With barges still chugging up river in the background, and with weather forecasters predicting near-record flood crests, people up and down the river swung into action over the weekend as they prepared for what could be

the biggest flood since 1993.

As for Gunn, he just stood and watched early Sunday evening as friends and neighbors put the finishing touches on a 2-foot sandbag dike that surround his home on the Princeton riverfront.

"I called Dave Fanning (Princeton city

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# Flood: Sandbagging efforts will continue

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councilman) on Wednesday and he said, "Aw, it doesn't look too bad." said Gunn, who's lived along the river since 1969. "But then, he got some different reports, and Friday morning he called me at 5:30 and said, 'it doesn't look good.'"

With that news Gunn hurried to secure an airplane ticket home, and arrived back in Princeton by 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

"I didn't think about getting all the plastic stuff (polyethylene) yesterday, and figured I could get it Sunday morning," said Gunn. "But, I forgot it was Easter and the stores weren't open."

It took him a few phone calls, but by 11 a.m. Gunn had secured a roll of polyethylene, and the sandbagging ritual began, much like it had all along the riverfront.

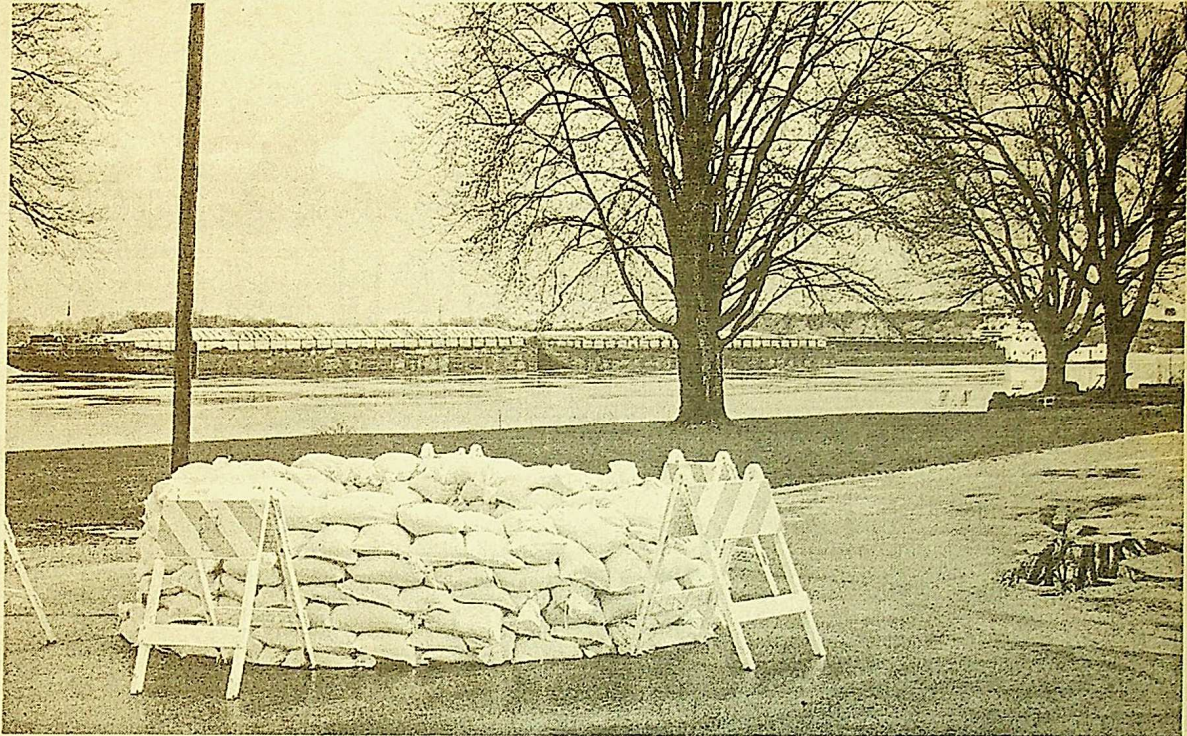
"At first people were bringing filled sandbags," said Gunn. "They had the prison guys filling them up and then hauling them down here. I had the whole first row done, and then this afternoon all these people just showed up and started helping me. Most of them have been filling bags all day."

By 6 p.m. the dike around Gunn's home was secure, and all was quiet on the riverfront as onlookers watched the slowly rising river creep closer to the top of the Princeton shoreline.

Kent Ellis lives across the street from Gunn and was one of the many volunteers who spent his day helping neighbors.

"My in-laws were in town for Easter dinner," he said, "but I told them they'd have to eat without me. I had to help my friends and neighbors first."

Ellis remembers the flood of 1993, when the river was lapping at his front door, but damage was limited to some seepage in his basement.



The Mississippi was still open to barge traffic Sunday afternoon, despite the predictions of possible record flooding. This barge made its way upriver through Princeton, while sandbags around a manhole on River Drive are testament to the efforts of numerous volunteers.

NSP Photos by Scott Campbell

"I think we'll be a little more prepared this time," he said. "It's nice to see everybody pitch in and help. We had a lot of people helping down here today, even some from Eldridge. It was nice to see. We tried to make it a fun time."

By the time darkness fell on Sunday, many

homes along the Princeton riverfront were surrounded by sand bags. Also protected by sandbags was the city's sewer manhole on River Drive. The last thing the town needs is river water in its sewer system.

Sandbagging efforts will continue all week

along the Mississippi as the river continues to rise. Flood stage at Lock & Dam 15 in the Quad Cities is 15-feet, and that was reached Sunday night. Latest predictions by the National Weather Service indicate a near-record crest of 22 feet next Wednesday.

## NS: Superintendent may not be named by April 23 deadline

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ceed DeLuca on July 1 and then interviewed them. They will repeat the process with three additional candidates on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Initially, the board planned to name the new superintendent on April 23, but board president Hill said that may not happen. "I'm less certain about that now."

After Wednesday night's final interview, board members will discuss their impressions of all six candidates among themselves and with consultant Gary Ray. Hill expects the field to be narrowed at that time.

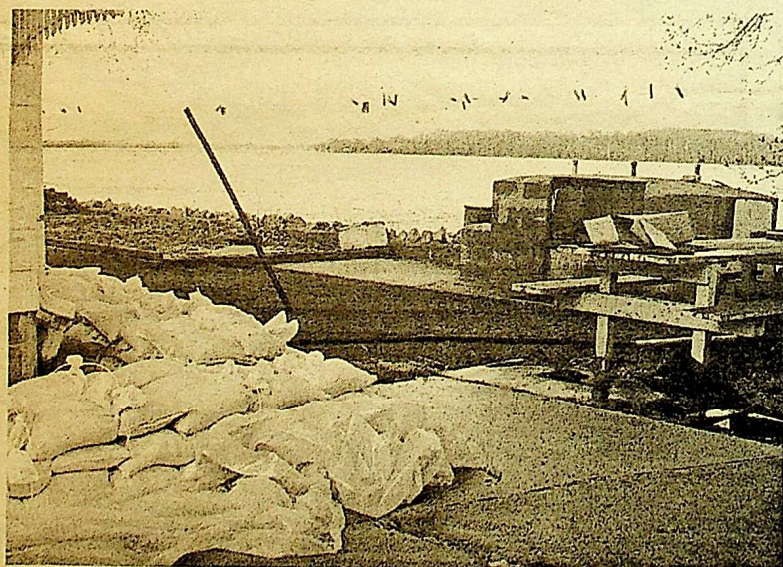
"My guess is that there could be at least a couple that we'd want to look at further," Hill said. "I'm not sure if it will be one, two or three. The board won't discuss that until we've talked to all six. Right now, my best guess is

that it's doubtful that we'll have a decision by April 23."

Meanwhile, DeLuca, who announced in January that he would leave North Scott on July 1 after 14 years as superintendent, was announced last week as one of four finalists for president of Marycrest International University.

"I've been interviewing," he said Monday. "There are a couple other things I'm looking at, too."

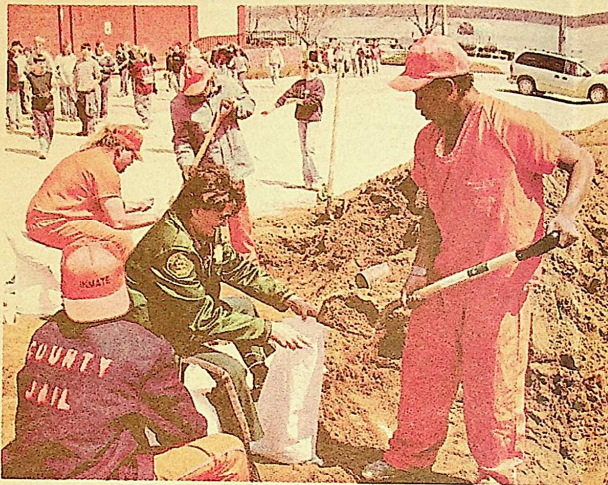
At the time he announced his resignation, DeLuca said he would seek employment outside the district, including opportunities in post-secondary education, administrative positions with a college, university or community college, a school district with 15,000 to 30,000 students, or private education or business.



This is the view from the back of Finn Gunn's house on Princeton's River Drive Sunday afternoon. The Mississippi was still in its banks, but rising quickly.



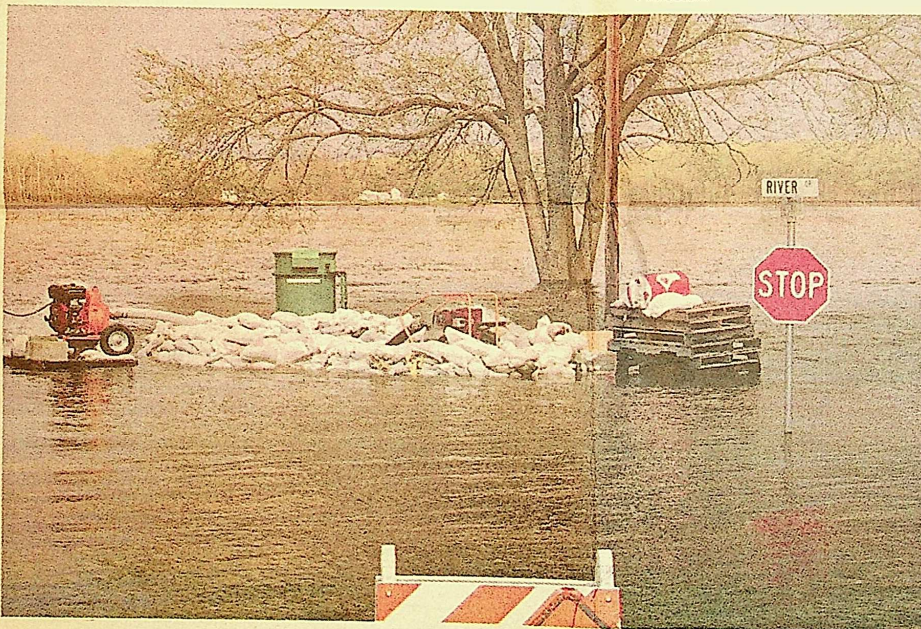
# FLOOD WATCH



Sheriff's Deputy Tammy Hoffmann assisted Scott County Jail trustees fill sandbags along the riverfront in Princeton last Wednesday, April 18.



Sixth-grade teacher Dale Tuftee worked side-by-side with Virgil Grissom students J.R. Holst and Jay Gates to bolster the dike surrounding Finn Gunn's home in Princeton.



Water began inching on Princeton's River Drive last Wednesday (April 18), but by Sunday afternoon, the rising water was threatening to engulf this manhole that was being protected by sandbags.

## Students, inmates help fight river

When the Mighty Mississippi comes to life in the spring, Scott County residents spring to action.

Such was the case last week as people from nearly every rural community made their way to the riverfront to help with sandbagging efforts.

On Wednesday, students from Virgil Grissom Elementary in Princeton and Scott County Jail inmates worked side-by-side filling sandbags along the riverfront.

Down river in LeClaire, another group of inmates helped bolster dikes in that community. And, on Friday, a group of North Scott Junior High seventh-graders, along with students from Davenport West, made the trek to downtown Davenport to also assist with sandbagging efforts.

As the river continued to rise, eventually shutting off portions of roads in both communities over the weekend, volunteers were still out in force as they worked to help complete strangers save their homes and belongings.

The river was expected to crest in LeClaire yesterday (Tuesday), at just below record levels.

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Scott Campbell*



During a break in the sandbagging effort, this inmate took the time to visit with Grissom students (l-r) Clay Baker, Chad Huetteman, Justin Steinbronn and Stephanie Petty about the importance of staying out of trouble.



The rising water finally crept over Highway 67 north of LeClaire on Saturday. This photo was taken Sunday afternoon, looking south from Territorial Road.





North Scott Junior High student Randy Claeys was a 'two-bagger' as he carried sand near Davenport's River Drive Friday morning.



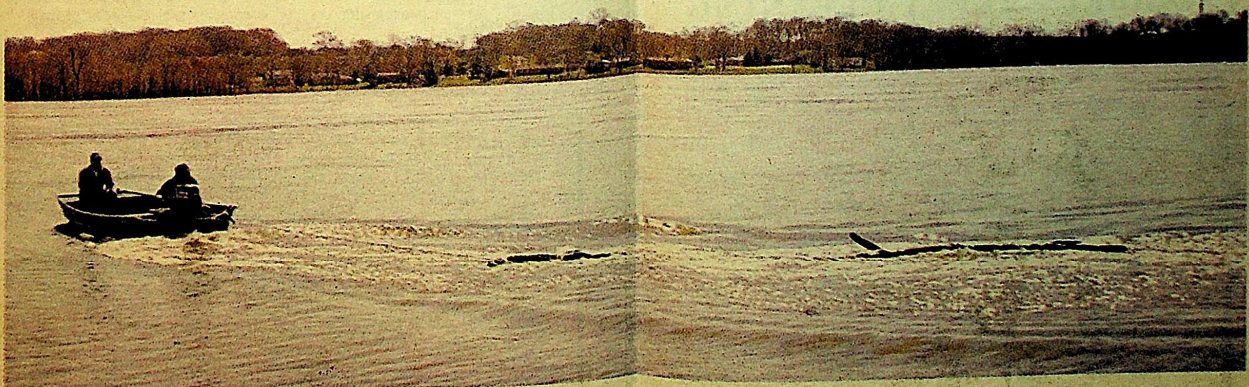
Virgil Grissom teacher Leah Rains gave student Andrew Hanssen, or is that vice versa, a hand with a sandbag Wednesday afternoon.



Eric Holland and Nate Hart, both students at Virgil Grissom, helped fill sandbags along the Princeton riverfront on Wednesday.



Virgil Grissom Elementary School fifth- and sixth-graders filled between 1,500 and 2,000 sandbags to aid in the effort to keep the Mississippi River at bay in Princeton. Shown shoveling sand are (l-r): Ashley Lay, Aaron Gusta, Logan Dues and Zach Suiter.



## River Rescue

Floating debris, including trees, docks, propane tanks, and even portions of homes are a common sight on the Mississippi these days. These Princeton residents pulled this tree, that was wedged behind Finn Gunn's home, away from the shore.



# FLOOD WATCH: A personal account

■ Muddy Mississippi can't dampen life along the river

By Nancy Kay Cerny

At nine o'clock on a Sunday evening the first week of April 2001, on the back patio of a Mississippi River cottage, this writer sat and watched the moon come up over the trees and light the river like the Vegas strip. The moon resembled the color of the small fire burning in front of my lawn chair. Like the moon rising, so was the water and talk of the flood had begun.

My mind moved to the middle of July, on the neighborhood docks in front of "The Cottage," when the sun warmed the deck as well as my skin. The docks squeaked and jiggled as one of the neighbors approached to prepare their boat for a leisurely ride on the Mississippi with family and friends. "Hi Nance!" the neighbor greets. "Is this beautiful or what?" Beautiful doesn't even begin to describe my thoughts of this place.

Built by my great uncles, masons and fishermen by trade, in the 1950s, The Cottage holds a place in my heart that no man could dream of filling. My memories are supplemented by stories from my 91-year-old neighbor, Val Bluedorn, often referred to as the mayor of Pleasant Valley, Iowa, but affectionately called Grandma by many of the younger neighbors including myself. She's seen the big flood of '65, the flood of '93 and all of the "smaller" floods in between. But she wouldn't dream of living anywhere else. Sitting on her second level deck, one might better understand why.

"You wouldn't believe the number of times I fell asleep in front of my fireplace," Grandma Bluedorn recalled. "Your uncles and aunt used to have a neighborhood dance every Friday night in the summertime on the back patio."

There's always a reason to get together on the river. Every day is a small celebration of the surroundings.

While dad, sister Cindy, brother-in-law, John Moran, and friends, Roger Moler and Michael McKeown, pack all of my belongings and flood-proof as much as possible, Jodeen Loetz, Grandma Vi's daughter, popper her head in the door and announced, "Pre-flood party at Tim and Lyn Sipe's house tonight!"

Like bees working busily around their hives, the Pleasant Valley neighborhood packs and boards windows on their lower levels. Many will stay in their homes and boat back. Others will stay in hotels or with friends until the



This photo was taken on 178th Street in Pleasant Valley. "The Cottage," the last house on the block, was built in the early 1950s. The photo was taken April 17 as the flood waters began creeping out of the river's banks. The Mighty Mississippi is in the background.  
NSP Photo by Nancy Kay Cerny

water recedes. Then the work begins again, cleaning with high-pressured sprayers and bleach to eliminate the river's microscopic life and debris.

Experiencing their first taste of river life, Tom and Linda Behning don't know what to expect. Their young daughter calls everyone "flood-buddies" and videotapes the water rising into their yard and covering their deck. "We're staying," Linda says. "This is our home." As I help board up their lower level, husband Tom jokes about the "For Sale" sign that will reside in their yard in May.

Bill and Debbie Knuth will take a two-week vacation to California while the water invades their home. Yet another way to deal with the inevitable.

On Tuesday, April 17, wading down 178th Street to search for my father, John Cerny, neighbor Tom Hepner greets me while pulling his rowboat down to his house. "Need a lift, Nance?" Tom hollers. The water is about a foot or more over our road as I make my way down to Tom. Dan Behrens yells, "You're not afraid of a little water are you, Nance?" A

baby rabbit swims frantically trying to find some dry land.

Just as frantic as the rabbit, I struggle through the water to get to The Cottage, the last house on the block. Just minutes before, my mother, Betty, called looking for my father. No one had seen him since 10 a.m. and we were starting to worry. As Tom and I rounded the bend, The Cottage came into view as did my father. Equipped with waders and a flat bottom boat, he was still removing items from The Cottage. Relieved he was safe, I hopped out of Tom's boat and waded to the only remaining visible piece of land where dad's Jeep was parked. "Time to go, Dad," I called.

"I know, but I wanted to get all of this garbage out so it doesn't get in the river," he explained. It's a respect for the river. For all of the work and the grief it causes at times like this, we still respect and love it.

When someone asks, "Why do you live on the river when you know it's going to flood?", a person makes a picture in his mind and

reminds himself why ... and inevitably confirms that it is truly worth it. The view from the brick patio set over 50 years ago is one reason. The neighbors are another.

This writer wonders if those great, mason uncles ever anticipated the work that would go into this old place after it was built. The blood, sweat and tears seem minuscule compared to the landscape, camaraderie and friendships this neighborhood delivers. I hope they are watching and smiling knowing the gift they have left their family.

Nancy Kay Cerny is employed as an advertising assistant at The NSP.



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# Swan Song

By Scott Campbell  
NSP Editor

The overcast skies and occasional sprinkles of rain did nothing to diminish the moment.

As a school of large carp made loud splashes in the background, and with a small group of interested observers keeping a close eye on the proceedings, history was made at precisely 10:07 a.m. last Wednesday (April 11) at Buena Vista Park northeast of Dixon.

When two trumpeter swans dipped their feet into the backwaters of the Wapsi River, and later swam off into the distance, it marked the first time the nearly extinct birds had been released in Scott County.

Three hours later, in the backwaters of the Princeton Wildlife Area, the scene was repeated. This time, the rain was heavier, the group of onlookers larger, but the same thrill of excitement filled the air.

When seven more swans took their first steps of freedom, and made the small trek to the water's edge, the excitement was contagious, and it was written all over the face of Ron

## SWANS

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**PHOTOS:** (Top) Seven of the Trumpeter swans take to the water near Princeton; (Middle) DNR officials release the first swan at Buena Vista near Dixon; (Bottom) One of the swans spreads its wings after its first taste of freedom.

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## Jensens to celebrate golden anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Jensen of Princeton will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, March 3, at Boll's Community Center in Princeton. Family and friends may call from 1 to 6 p.m.

Agnes Martha Hill and Mr. Jensen were married Feb. 21, 1951, in the home of the bride's parents, Clarence and Martha Hill of Princeton.

Mr. Jensen was a farmer in Goose Lake at the time of their marriage. He began working

at Alcoa in 1952, and retired in 1990. Mrs. Jensen is a homemaker.

They are the parents of daughters Teresa and husband James Kraft, LeClaire; Beverly and husband Larry Smith, Walcott; Jean and husband Randy Bailey, East Moline; Kathy Brown, Unionville, Mo.; and Roberta Murray, Princeton; and son, Martin and wife Cindie, Davenport. They have 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



# Schroders mark 50th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schroder of Princeton will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 17.

Dorla Dannatt and Mr. Schroder were married Feb. 17, 1951, at the Princeton Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Schroder retired in 1987 from the U.S. Postal Service after serving as a rural carrier for 26 years. He also has farmed his whole life. Mrs. Schroder was a schoolteacher and a homemaker.

Their children are Ned and wife Deena of Princeton, Honda and husband Jim of Somerville, N.J., and Sally and husband David of Springfield, Ill. They have six grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.



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# Problems in Princeton

## ■ Council proposes 30-percent tax hike to meet new budget

by Scott Campbell  
NSP Editor

The meetings were long. The discussions

were endless. The topic, the future financial solvency of an entire community, was a tough one.

When the smoke had finally cleared and Princeton city council members headed home from a recent budget meeting, there wasn't much to smile about. Deciding to increase city taxes by 30 percent is not a fun decision.

Yes, if the city's final budget is approved

after a March 5 public hearing, residents of this Scott County river community will see a city tax increase like they've never seen before.

How big? Well, the combined tax levy for the city general fund and debt service will increase from 7.1595 to 9.30742. What that figures out to, is that a homeowner whose house has a taxable valuation of \$100,000, would see a \$215 increase in their city tax bill.

Ouch!

"This decision was gut-wrenching," said Mayor Jim Darnell. "It was a real soul search for a lot of us on the council. None of us likes the idea of raising taxes, but we simply feel our backs are against the wall. It's time. We have no other choice."

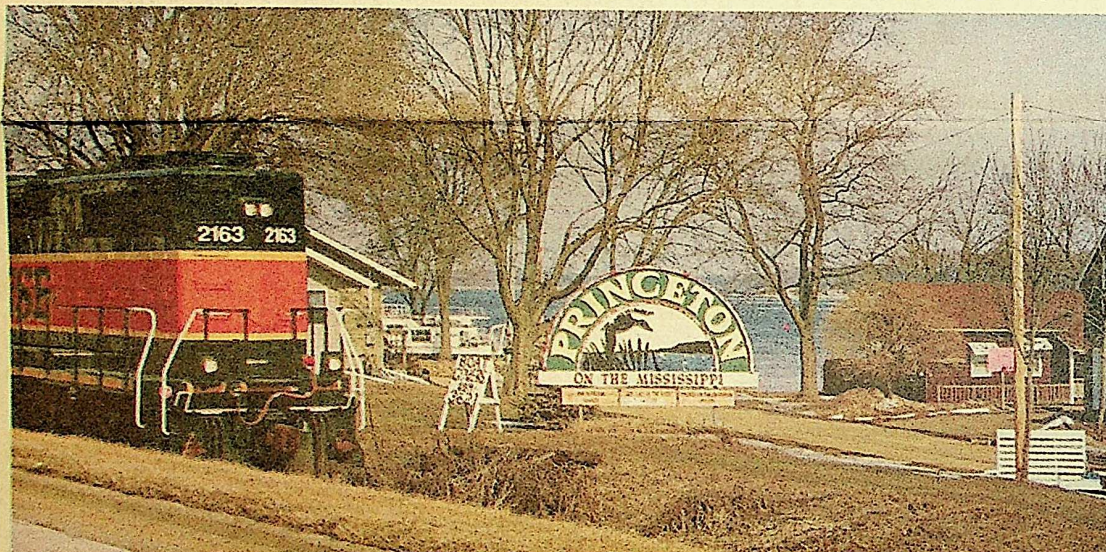
Darnell, as well as other councilmen, said that residents haven't seen any significant tax increases for nearly 20 years, and most agree that if there would have been small increases during that time, the city wouldn't be in the financial pickle that it's in now.

In fact, things are so bad, that at least one councilmember says the town isn't far from shutting its doors, while others say many repairs and projects are way overdue.

"This was definitely an agonizing decision," said councilman Doug Steen. "You have to remember, that if nothing else, it's very personal for us. We're voting to raise our own taxes as well, and I'm getting hit twice because I own both a home and a business."

"But, the bottom line is that we're down to nothing. We have no other alternatives. I've been in town 15 years and it's time to address this situation. If we don't, nothing will function in the future. We either increase taxes to support what we have, or get in a position to shut down the community."

Councilman Steve Huettman agrees. In fact, he still has a tough time talking about



Residents of Scott County's picturesque riverfront community may be in for a big surprise if the Princeton City Council follows through with its plans for a 30-percent tax hike.

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**PRINCETON**

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# Princeton: No fat left in city budget

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the increase.

"Our backs are literally against the wall," he said. "The town is getting rundown. We're running this town on a shoestring. We've borrowed a lot of money in the past and now it's time to pay up. This is our last alternative."

When the council held its final budget meeting on Feb. 1, it voted 3-1 to approve the increase. Steen, Dave Fanning and Mike Talbot voted in favor, with Sandy Bridges voting no. Huettman was not present.

At the meeting, Bridges said she was concerned about raising taxes because of individuals who are already being hit very hard with increases in other cost of living expenses.

Talbot commented that the city's financial position has been on a downward spiral for a number of years, with no tax increases in the past to support the increasing expenditures. According to minutes of the meeting, he felt it was past due to raise taxes, and that if taxes were not raised now, the city's reserves would be completely depleted and the city wouldn't be able to function.

Bridges and Talbot were unavailable for comment for this article.

As for Fanning, he voted in favor of the increase, but was concerned that all avenues of cutting expenditures had been looked at. When contacted this week, he reiterated those concerns.

"There's no question that raising taxes was a tough decision," he said, "but I'm not really in favor of raising them as much as the rest of the council. I wish there was some other way. I'd like to go back and cut more stuff."

"Things are really bad, but I think there are still cuts to be made. I think we could cut back on some of our police coverage, and perhaps cut down the hours of our hourly employees. I would just like to discuss it a little more. I'd like to get some support for cutting some of this coverage. At least that's what I'm going to try to do."

Darnell maintains there is nothing more to cut, and Huettman agrees.

"If we're talking about a worse case scenario, we'd have to go into each department and cut to the bone," said Darnell. "There is not fat. All that was trimmed out four years ago. We're running lean."

"About the only other thing I can think of is not making any major improvements to our streets. We'd have to do just basic patching

and that never lasts. It's not cost effective."

"There is absolutely no fat," said Huettman. "We have no other choice. This is the toughest decision we've ever had to make."

"This was not an easy decision," Steen said. "I have spent hours and days on this budget. We've already made some tremendous cuts just to get to the point where we could limit it to a 30 percent increase. We've already cut \$38,000 from various departments, and that's a lot of money to this city."

Darnell, who is in his second term as mayor, said the city has barely been making ends meet in recent years. He says various costs continue to increase, and that it's been difficult to keep the streets in good repair. He also says the community has gone into debt on various projects.

"We've floated a lot of bonds in the past for the new community center and fire trucks," he said. "Those are bills that we're still paying, but things that I feel we need to have."

"In a community like ours you need a place where people can get together, and we have a beautiful building to do that. You also need fire protection, and I'd hate to see what our insurance rates would be in this town if we hadn't funded new equipment. The council sees those things as necessities."

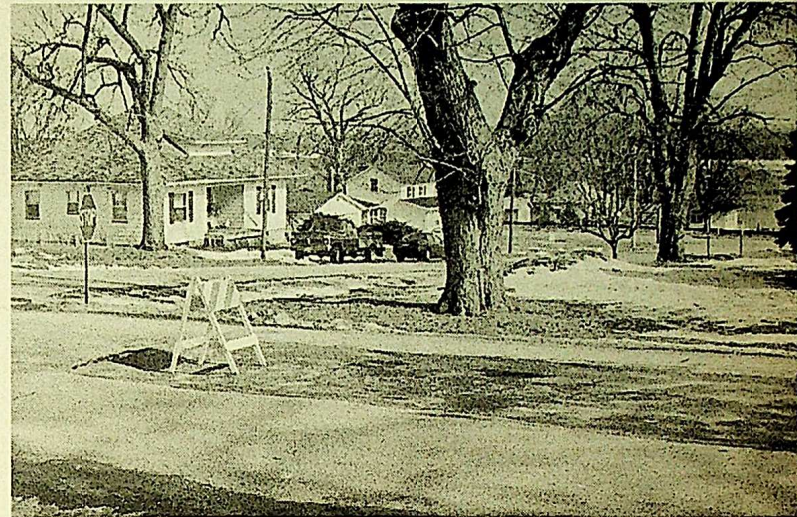
Cassandra Lippincott, the city clerk/treasurer, said it takes roughly \$500,000 to operate the city each year, and that ever since she came on the job in 1996, the city has not met expenses.

"Each year we draw from our reserves to meet our budget," she said. "That's not a good situation. In fact, there have been years where we've received more money from our local option sales tax that we do from property taxes."

Darnell says the town needs to plan for the future, and Steen agrees that it will take some time before the city can steer clear of its financial woes.

"We're afraid that there are several things around town that will sneak up on us if we aren't careful," said Darnell, "and if we aren't ready, it could be devastating. Our water and sewer system is 30 years old, and if something goes wrong there, we're in real trouble."

"Last year we had a \$27,000 expenditure when we had a problem with our lagoon that we weren't expecting. That's a major bite that we weren't expecting. If we had to replace our entire system, we're talking millions of dollars, and we don't have that kind of money. We already have a committee looking at what



Street repairs such as these in Princeton may not get completed if the city council doesn't follow through with its proposed 30 percent tax increase.

NSP Photo by Scott Campbell

needs to be done in that area. We want to be ready for the future."

Huettman is on that committee and he, too, is concerned.

"It takes a lot of money to keep our water and sewer system working," he said. "They don't fix themselves, and we're basically just patching it together. That piping is 40 years old. Every time we have a water main break we have to contract out to get it fixed. We're just a small town. We don't have city crews that can handle those types of things."

Currently, Princeton has just two city maintenance employees. There has been talk about eliminating one of those positions, but Darnell is opposed to that.

"There is a lot to do in a little town," he said, "and two people can barely keep up with it. When you start looking at what our crews are doing, to have one person do it all alone, that's dangerous at best."

"When you have to check lift stations or go down into a pit, one person just can't do that. We also have 40 acres of parks in this town that need to be mowed in the summer. When would that get done? If you start to figure that we have 900 residents, that's one maintenance person for every 450 people. That doesn't go very far."

Almost to a person, city officials agree that

there will be opposition to the increase, and Darnell is encouraging people to attend the budget hearing on March 5.

"There is always going to be opposition," he said. "It's good that people will have the opportunity to share their opinions. But, we have to ask them, what do they want from us. Nobody likes higher taxes, but if there had been increases over the past years, we wouldn't be in the shape we're in now."

Steen has talked to a few citizens, and is hoping that a little communication will go a long way towards easing their fears.

"For myself, it's an extra expense, but not a tremendous amount," he said. "I'm looking at my own personal residence, and my increase would be about \$12 per month."

Darnell is confident the community will survive. He says the 30 percent increase, which will increase the money generated from property taxes from \$134,911 to \$178,196, should get the city up and running.

"I think we'll get through this," he said. "Hopefully, down the road, if we get solvent after the civic center and fire trucks are paid off, maybe we can look at a reduction. But, we have to be solvent before we can do that."

"We want to take care of the immediate problem, set up a long-term healing process for the town, and then see what happens."



## BIRTHDAYS



**Walter Heuer**

for 45 years retiring in 1992.

He is a member of Faith Lutheran Church, Eldridge, and the Scott County Farm Bureau.

Walter enjoys dancing, golfing, and gardening.

His children and their spouses are Candace and Don Crow, Bettendorf; and Lance and Sharon Heuer, Davenport.

He has two grandchildren, Brent and Darcia Mortiboy.

### Heuer

Walter Heuer, Princeton, Iowa, will be honored at a luncheon and reception on Jan. 6 to celebrate his 80th birthday.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 1-4 p.m. at the McCausland Community Center, McCausland, Iowa. It has been requested that gifts be omitted.

Walter Heuer was born Jan. 6, 1922 in Scott County, Iowa. He married Phyllis Spalding in Davenport in 1946. She died in 1991. He married Ruth Baetke in 1993.

Mr. Heuer farmed in Princeton

## Pleasant Valley

### Dorothy Lage

PLEASANT VALLEY — Dorothy B. Lage, 98, of Pleasant Valley, Iowa, died Thursday, July 31, 2003, at Genesis Medical Center-East Campus, Davenport. Celebration of Life services will be 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 4, 2003, at **Weerts Funeral Home**, Davenport. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until service time Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Oakdale Memorial Gardens, Davenport. Memorials may be made to St. James Lutheran Church, Bettendorf, or a favorite charity.



**Mrs. Lage**

Mrs. Lage was born March 15, 1905, in LeClaire Township, the eldest daughter of Detlef H. and Ella (Mess) Boege. She married Herbert J. Lage Oct. 29, 1936, in LeClaire, Iowa.

The couple operated a dairy farm in Pleasant Valley Township until their retirement in 1974. Mr. Lage died in 1975.

Before her marriage, Mrs. Lage had been a teacher. She had a life-long interest in local history and has written histories of several Scott County river towns. Her other interests included gardening and music.

Survivors include daughter and son-in-law, Ramona and James Baker, Bettendorf; grandchildren, John Baker, Anchorage, Alaska, and Mary Beth Baker, Bettendorf; great-granddaughter, Jennifer Ann Baker; several nieces and nephews; and a special friend, Lilah Bell. She was preceded in death by two sisters, two brothers and a grandson.

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# LeClaire

## Elma Stewart

LECLAIRE, Iowa — Services for Elma "Tib" Elliott Stewart, 94, of Iowa City, formerly of Princeton, Iowa, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Princeton Presbyterian Church. Burial will be in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Princeton.

Visitation is one hour before the service Wednesday at the church.

Mrs. Stewart died Sunday, Dec. 23, 2001, at Greenwood Manor, Iowa City, after an extended illness.



**Mrs. Stewart**

Nelson-Heesch Funeral Home, LeClaire, is in charge of arrangements.

Elma Peitscher was born April 2, 1907, a daughter of Edward and Caroline (Kroeger) Peitscher. She married Allen Ward Elliott on June 18, 1931. He died June 25, 1972. She married Orville M. Stewart on Feb. 14, 1976. He died March 28, 1987.

She graduated from Clinton High School in 1924. She attended Brown's Business College, Davenport; Augustana College, Rock Island; and St. Ambrose College, Davenport.

She taught elementary school in Scott County. With husband, Allen Elliott, she operated Elliott's Grocery Store, Princeton, Iowa, from 1939-55.

She was the oldest member of Princeton Presbyterian Church, where she served as a ruling elder and a deacon. She was involved in starting and directing a youth choir in the 1940s. She also was chairperson for many years for the Princeton Presbyterian annual chicken supper. She was a member of Echo Rebekah Lodge 104, Princeton, and a Past Noble Grand.

She lived in Princeton from 1907-32 and 1939-90. She lived in Stanwood from 1932-39. In 1990, she moved to Bettendorf and resided there until 1994, when she moved to Iowa City to live with her daughter and son-in-law. She has resided at Greenwood Manor since 1996.

Memorials may be made to the church.

She is survived by her daughter, Nancy Cech and her husband, Robert, Iowa City and her son, Robert Elliott, and his wife, Cherie, Naperville, Ill.; grandchildren, Caroline Godinez, and husband, Idilio, Miami, Melissa Dorman and husband, Steven, Cedar Rapids, Kent William Elliott, LeClaire, and Christopher Robert Elliott and his wife, Holly, Downers Grove, Ill.; great-grandchildren, Erika and Derek Giesking, Michale and Alexandra Godinez; step-great-grandchildren, Katrina, Patrick and Ryan Dorman; and a sister, Elda Marie Morgan, LeClaire. Other survivors include stepdaughters, Betty Clemons, and husband, Lester, LeClaire, and their family, and Darlene Kucera and her husband, Joseph, Galesburg, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her two husbands; and a sister, Ethel Peitscher McConnell.



## Youngerses note 50th anniversary with family dinner

Kay and Wayne Youngers of Princeton will be honored at a family dinner to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Kathryn Holst and Mr. Youngers were married on May 17, 1950, in LeClaire.

Their children are Trish O'Boyle of Eldridge, and Bonny Dittmer and Keith Youngers of Princeton. They have six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



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## Princeton

### Clifford Jordan

PRINCETON, Iowa — Services for Clifford Jordan, 65, Princeton, will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Princeton Presbyterian Church. Burial will be in Oakridge Cemetery, Princeton, where military services will be conducted.

Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Friday at Nelson Heesch Funeral Home, LeClaire, with a Masonic service conducted by Snow Lodge at 5 p.m.



Mr. Jordan

Mr. Jordan died Oct. 8, 2002, at his home.

He was born Sept. 14, 1937, in Ellwood City, Pa., the son of Lawrence and Wilda (Ralston) Jordan. Clifford attended a boy's trade school in Wheeling, W.Va., graduating high school with a trade of auto mechanics. He entered the service Aug. 1, 1956. After basic training with the 2nd Coast Guard District in St. Louis, Mo., he was stationed at Cape Cod, Eastham, Mass. After two years of service, he was discharged July 31, 1958, with a seaman ranking. Clifford moved from Ellwood City to Princeton, Iowa, in 1961, where he met DyAnn Rhodes and was married March 23, 1962, by his brother, the Rev. Ralph Jordan, at Argo Presbyterian Church, LeClaire. DyAnn preceded him in death May 1, 1991. Their daughter, LeeAnn, and his brother, the Rev. Ralph Jordan, also preceded him in death. On Oct. 2, 1993, Clifford married Helen (Rogers) Turner at Princeton Presbyterian Church.

Clifford was employed by Russell and Evonda Enyeart at Princeton Phone Co. In July 2002, he retired as a telephone technician from Iowa Telecom with a total of 35 years of service. He also had been employed five years at Alcoa. He was a member of

### Jasper Morgan

Services for Jasper W. Morgan, 92, of Clinton, are being held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21 (today) at First United Presbyterian Church, Clinton.

Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery, Clinton.

Snell-Zornig Funeral Home and Crematory, Clinton, is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Morgan died Friday, Oct. 16, 1998, at his home.

Jasper Morgan was born Dec. 5, 1905, in Princeton. He married Vivian Smith in 1935 in Davenport. She died in 1969.

He was an attorney in Clinton for more than 53 years. He had served as Clinton city attorney for 10 years and in the Clinton County Attorney's Office for four years. He also had served as mayor of Princeton.

Memorials may be made to the church.

Survivors include a son, Steven, Camanche; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a brother, Charles, LeClaire.

10-21-98



## Marvin Guthardt

CLINTON, Iowa — Services for Marvin H. L. Guthardt, 92, Clinton, formerly of Princeton, will be 4 p.m. Sunday at Nelson Heesch Funeral Home, Clinton, with the Rev. Peter Sickels officiating. Visitation will be 1-4 p.m. Sunday. Burial will be in Clinton Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. Guthardt died Friday, April 25, 2003, at Wyndcrest Nursing Home, Clinton.

Pallbearers will be Gregg Beuse, Todd Beuse, Randy Haycraft,

Craig Holst, James Elmegreen and Thomas Funk.

Marvin was born Oct. 6, 1910, in Andover, the son of John and Minnie (Hass) Guthardt. He married Leona M. Rogers on Oct. 7, 1931, in Clinton. They celebrated 69 years of marriage. She preceded him in death Jan. 31, 2001. He was retired from H. E. Lund Garage in Princeton, where he had worked as a parts man and bookkeeper for more than 30 years. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Princeton, where he had served on the Church Council, and was a former member of Princeton School Board. He loved spending time with his family and enjoyed gardening and his yard.

Memorials may be made to Zion Lutheran Church, Princeton.

He is survived by daughters, Gloria (Jack) Beuse, Princeton, Wanda (Paul) Elmegreen, Monticello, and Linda (Robert) Holst, Princeton; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.



Mr. Guthardt

## FAMILY NEWS

### Berneice Fletcher notes 85th birthday

Berneice Fletcher, 823 Jones St., LeClaire, will be honored at a reception hosted by her children to celebrate her 85th birthday.

Friends and family may call from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 21, at the LeClaire Civic Center. She requests that gifts be omitted.

Berneice Fulton was born May 19, 1915, in Princeton. She married Vallie Fletcher on July 4, 1935, at The Little Brown Church in The Vale, Nashua, Iowa.

Her children are Roberta Garman, Fairport, N.Y.; Janet Munro, DeWitt; D. Thomas, Bettendorf; Richard, Princeton; Greg, DeWitt; and Gene, St. Charles, Mo.

She has 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Berneice Fletcher



### Bernice Frazier marks 80th birthday

Bernice Frazier of Princeton will be honored at an open house hosted by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to celebrate her 80th birthday.

Friends and family may call on Saturday, June 17, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Boll's Community Center in Princeton.

Bernice Woomert was born June 14, 1920, in Princeton. She married Tom Frazier on Jan.

18, 1941, in Davenport. He died in 1982.

Mrs. Frazier has been a homemaker all of her life. She is a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Princeton and Rebekah Lodge.

Her children are William, LeClaire; John, Princeton; Carl, Davenport; and Pam Gringra, Daytona, Fla. She has 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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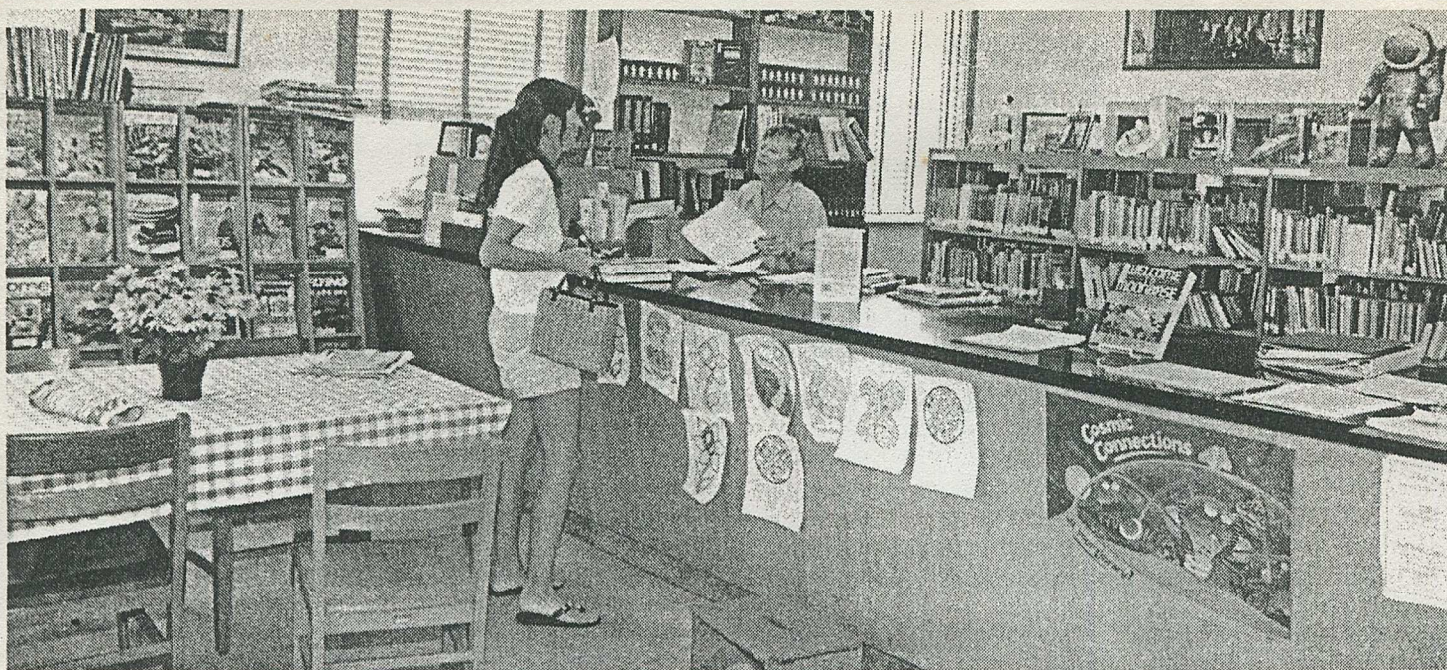
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**Library Takes Shape** - Jo Damron, librarian at the Princeton Library, helps a patron check out materials. With riverboat grant money and countless volunteer hours, the library has been undergoing a major overhaul to make the facility more inviting to area residents. Among the more recent improvements is the creation of a community room which is available for small gatherings.

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# Princeton's 'comfort zone'

■ RDA grant, sweat turn historic building into public library

by Barb Geerts

Everyone has a comfort zone.

In Princeton, folks find that "zone" at the local library.

The branch of the Scott County Library System has added "comfort zones" — cozy nooks with comfy chairs and coffee tables — as part of what has been a lengthy process to convert the historic Farmers Savings Bank building into an inviting facility for both youths and adults.

With up to 700 people walking through the branch's doors each month, the project appears to be a success.

But it couldn't have happened without some dedicated volunteers — and some grant money from the Riverboat Development Authority, says Penne Miller, a Friends of the Princeton Library member and substitute librarian.

"There's a lot of 'sweat equity' that's gone into this," she noted.

The work was done in three phases. Phase I included installing a new furnace; putting on a new roof and doing some other exterior work; installing shelving; and doing lots of spring cleaning.

Phase II was made possible by the RDA. The Authority provided a grant of \$3,000 to purchase magazine racks and new furniture

for the creation of the popular comfort zones. New carpeting also was installed, replacing the old floor covering that was a cast-off from an area funeral home.

"That's what we had for a long time. It didn't look bad. It served its purpose," said Miller.

For the final phase, the back section of the building has been turned into a community room. One would have to see what the area looked like *before* in order to truly appreciate the transformation, according to Lois Havenhill, who served as a librarian in Princeton for many years until her retirement in '94.

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# Princeton: New facility sees increase in patrons

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"This old back area was nothing. We had moldy carpet. The walls were patched. We had to take a sledgehammer to open an old vault (now a storage room)," Havenhill said.

Volunteers fixed the holes, painted, installed carpet and put up new blinds. Most of the furnishings are on loan from Miller – rattan furniture which gives the place that "homey" feel. There's a kitchenette in the corner which makes it handy for serving refreshments.

In addition to the community room, a history room has been created to serve as a sort of archives for historical documents, as well as a display room for important pieces of Princeton's past. All the items have been donated by area residents, says Miller, who has been poring over the records and photos for a book she hopes to publish this year.

Other improvements and purchases will be made as money becomes available, says Miller.

She noted that members of the community have been very generous in their support of the branch. More than \$500 has been raised through bake sales and other Friends' functions, and folks have been dropping by, bearing "gifts."

"That's how we've done (the improvements). Somebody brought in a half gallon of

paint, and that's all I needed (for a painting project). If they have something extra, they bring it in," she said.

"It's a 'small town' thing."

The renovated library – which has three times the space of the previous branch quarters on Third Street – has been drawing plenty of new patrons. The number of people using the library has about doubled since Jo Damron came on as the branch's full-time librarian.

"This branch is only open 18 hours a week and in April, we had 701 people through the door. That's unbelievable," Damron said.

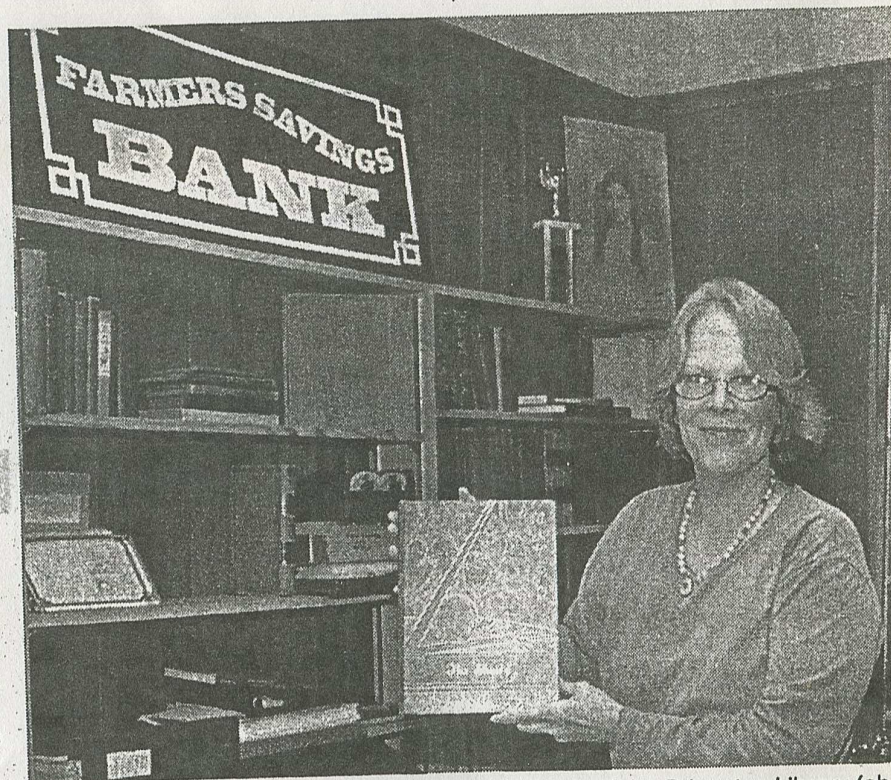
A good percentage of those are children. In fact, the library has become a favorite hangout for kids in this quaint river town.

And that's just fine with library officials and parents, alike.

"We really need a safe haven for the kids. We don't have anything available for the kids besides baseball," says Miller. "The kids come in and they play chess. We've done Friday night board games and the kids have snacks and pop."

"This is something that's really needed in town."

*(The Friends of the Princeton Library group is recruiting new members to support the facility and its programs. If you're interested in joining, please call Penne Miller at (319) 289-5666.)*



**Preserving History** - Penne Miller of the Friends of the Princeton Library (above) has been working to convert one room of the historic Farmers Savings Bank building – now home to the library – into archives for historical records from the local area. Below, Jason Sandberg (at left) and Philip Suiter square off in a game of chess in one of the new "comfort zones" at the library.

NSP Photos by Barb Gee



## Digney, Gonzales graduate from Law Academy



## Princeton

### Ella Fick

PRINCETON, Iowa — Services for Ella M. Fick, 89, formerly of Princeton, will be 10 a.m. Thursday at Zion Lutheran Church, Princeton. Burial will be in Rock Island Memorial Park.

Visitation is 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at Runge Mortuary & Crematory, Davenport.



Mrs. Fick

Mrs. Fick died Sunday, Feb. 13, 2000, at Davenport Good Samaritan Center.

She was employed as a librarian at Scott County Library, Princeton, until retirement in 1977.

Ella Wahlstrom was born Dec. 5, 1910, in Coal Valley, Ill. She married Jack Fick in 1955 in Rock Island. He died in 1998.

Memorials may be made to the church.

Survivors include a niece, Ann Totaro, of California; a nephew, Gregg Wahlstrom, of Colorado; and a sister-in-law, Rose Wahlstrom, of California.



Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack (left) visited with Princeton Mayor Jim Darnell and other residents during a June 29 visit to Scott County on his Walk Across Iowa tour.

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## Shaws mark 50th wedding anniversary

Ben and Harriet Shaw of Princeton celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 3, with a family dinner at Kernan's, followed by cake and coffee at their home for friends and neighbors. An R.V. trip to the north is planned.

The Shaws were married June 3, 1950, in Davenport. Mr. Shaw worked at Iowa-Illinois Gas and Electric, and Mrs. Shaw worked part time for the U.S. Postal Service. Both retired in 1988.

Their children are Alan and wife Linda of Princeton, and George Shaw and wife Susan Pavlakis of Overland Park, Kan. They have two grandchildren.





## Marie Kirby celebrates 80th birthday July 7

Marie Kirby will be honored at an open house on Saturday, July 7, in celebration of her 80th birthday.

Friends and family may call from 2 to 5 p.m., at Boll's Community Center in Princeton. No gifts, please.

Marie Haessler was born July 7, 1921. She married Horace Kirby in August of 1940. He died in 1999.

Mrs. Kirby was employed by the Pleasant Valley School District for 20 years, retiring in 1979. She also has been an Avon representative since 1979.

Her children are Richard and wife Mary of LeClaire, Paul and wife Sandra of DeWitt, Carol Weiland of Princeton, Linda and husband Michael Buesing of Princeton, and Ken-

Marie  
Kirby



neth and wife Shirley of Calmar, Iowa. She has 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

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## Ruth Oberlander notes 80th birthday

Ruth V. Oberlander of Princeton will be honored at a reception to celebrate her 80th birthday. Friends and family may call on Sunday, July 23, from 2 to 4 p.m., at Boll's Civic Center in Princeton.

Ruth Knuth was born July 23, 1920, in Princeton. She married Leon Oberlander in 1944 in Princeton.

She was employed by Bridge's Restaurant for 18 years, retiring in 1990.

Her children are Dennis Oberlander, Princeton; Donna Kraklio, Davenport; and foster children Bill Williams, Bettendorf, and Don Williams of California. She has three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Ruth  
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# Princeton church celebrates 150th

By Brian Rathjen  
Staff writer

Zion Lutheran Church in Princeton has a history dating back 150 years and a rich tradition of outreach and ministry to northeastern Scott County.

On Sunday, Jan. 20, members of the congregation will reflect on that mission, as well as the church's history and future as they begin a yearlong celebration of the church's sesquicentennial.

A special worship and communion service at 9 a.m. Sunday will kick off the celebration. Bishop Philip Hougen, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America's (ELCA) Southeastern Iowa Synod, is scheduled to attend the service at the church at U.S. 67 and Hubbard Street in Princeton.

Members and guests may browse through historical books, papers and photographs on display in the church's narthex. A catered dinner for congregation members will be served at 11:30 a.m. Sunday at Boll's Community Center, Princeton.

Bonnie Guenther, chairwoman of the church's anniversary committee, said other plans to mark Zion's 150th anniversary throughout the year include an outdoor service at Salem Lutheran Cemetery, four miles west of Princeton; services honoring long-time members, confirmation classes and the church's organizations; and inviting former Zion pastors to upcoming services.

The Rev. Joshua Wold-Petersen, Zion's pastor since June 2000, said he's excited about initiating "a big celebration." He said Zion's role in Princeton, LeClaire and northeastern Scott County encompasses more than merely providing a place for Lutherans to hear the word of God and find comfort and spiritual growth.

"The role of Zion is to reach out," he said, noting examples such as a Christmas angel tree project, a summer Vacation Bible School and "walking with people through their hard times. Hopefully, Zion can be a place where they can come to find some hope in the Gospel."

Zion's history dates to Jan. 25, 1852, when the Rev. F.R. Shearer organized what was then known as Salem Lutheran Church. Services took place in a brick church building four miles west of Princeton. The building soon acquired the nickname "Old Brick."



Dan Videtich / staff

Rev. Joshua Wold Petersen has been the pastor of Princeton's Zion Lutheran Church for one-and-a-half-years of the Church's 150-year history.

After short-lived stints by two subsequent pastors, Rev. Shearer became full-time pastor of the 11-member congregation on Nov. 15, 1856. Through a series of evangelistic campaigns during the next few years, Rev. Shearer increased Salem's membership to 74.

In 1888, the Rev. J.L. Hammond started holding Lutheran church services Sunday afternoons at Dennis Hall in Princeton. Attendance quickly grew, and in 1898, construction began on a church building along 2nd Street on a lot donated by Christian Schmaltz. That church became known as Zion Lutheran, with the choir

— formed by Rev. Hammond — becoming its nucleus.

The Salem and Zion congregations formally merged in 1922. Though regular Sunday services no longer took place at "Old Brick," the Salem building was used for occasional services and other gatherings until it was torn down in 1943. A co-located cemetery at the site remains in use.

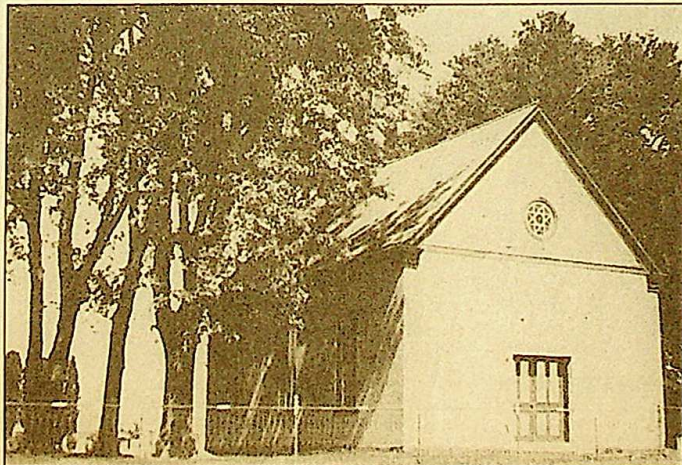
The Zion church structure has undergone many changes since 1898, including the addition of a full basement in the early 1950s and extensive remodeling in 1971, when the altar and pulpit were moved from the west side to the east end of the church.

Zion shared pastors and ministry programs with Trinity Lutheran Church of Pleasant Valley twice in its history, most recently from 1973 to 1984. Today, the church is affiliated with the Princeton, Pleasant Valley, Argo and LeClaire pastor's group.

Zion currently has 215 members. Its active organizations include Women of Joy, the church choir and a youth group.

While many things impress Rev. Wold-Petersen about Zion, he views the church's Sunday morning fellowship hour as the core of the church. "It's one of the best kept secrets in northern Scott County," he said. "How warm and full of the spirit we members are."

"We are looking to grow in the Princeton, LeClaire and surrounding community (and) find out how we can best participate to the spiritual and social needs of the community," he said.



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Pictured is Zion Lutheran Church in Princeton, Iowa, circa 1938.



## Princeton church to celebrate rich tradition

■ Zion Lutheran to note 150th anniversary at Salem Cemetery

By Brian Rathjen  
NSP Staff Writer

Zion Lutheran Church in Princeton has a long, proud history dating back 150 years and

a rich tradition of outreach and ministry to northeastern Scott County.

Sunday, the congregation will look back at its heritage and peek into the future during a special worship service at the site where it all began.

The church's 150th Celebration Worship will be 10 a.m. at Salem Lutheran Cemetery, the site of the former "Old Brick" church, which operated as Salem Lutheran Church. Salem Lutheran, founded in 1852, was the predecessor to Zion Lutheran.

The special service — led by Zion's interim pastor, the Rev. Robert Sorensen — will be followed by a potluck lunch and activities. Worshipers are encouraged to wear 1850s-vintage clothing and should bring lawn chairs. Those planning to attend the service should meet at 9:30 a.m. at Zion, U.S. 67 and Hubbard Street, to caravan to the cemetery. In case of rain, the service will be at Zion.

Sunday's service is part of Zion's yearlong celebration of the church's sesquicentennial. Those activities kicked off in January with a special service and catered dinner. Services throughout the year honored longtime members, past confirmation students and the church's organizations.

Pam Opolka, president of Zion's church council, said other activities this year include a float in LeClaire's TugFest parade in August and a reunion of current and past members of the church's choir in October. The Rev. Douglas Tiffany, who served at Zion from 1993 to

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Old Zion Lutheran Church

## Zion: Future challenges lie ahead

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1998, is scheduled to preach at the Aug. 18 service.

Bishop Philip Hougen of the Southeast Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) said Zion is one of his synod's oldest congregations. The synod covers much of southeast Iowa, and includes the Iowa Quad-Cities, Ames, Burlington, Cedar Rapids, Des Moines and Iowa City.

"It's significant that, for 150 years, people have been gathering faithfully to serve and witness as many times and as faithfully during those many Sundays," said Hougen. "Think about how many people have been baptized, confirmed, married and buried in that faith community. Thousands of people have had their faith nourished (at Zion)."

Sorensen, previously pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Davenport and ELCA executive director for higher education in schools, agreed.

"(Zion) has been a place where the Gospel of Christ has been celebrated and people have responded in all kinds of ways," he said. "There's been a tremendous amount of good that's flowed from this church."

### Long, proud history

Salem Lutheran Church, as Zion first was known, was organized by the Rev. F.R. Scherer on Jan. 25, 1852. Salem had 14 charter members, six with the surname Gast. Other surnames on the original roster included Earhart, Helble, Like and Rice. During the early years, the congregation met in the homes of members, served by either Scherer or supply pastors when road and weather conditions allowed.

It wasn't until a few years later when Salem began meeting in the Old Brick Church, four miles west of Princeton along the old Argo-Princeton Road (today Lost Grove Road, or 257th Street). A group of Methodists built the

small, red brick church in 1853 and began efforts to establish a congregation in the area. The Methodists worshipped in the church until 1856, but were unable to sustain a congregation and moved to Princeton. The church — which would become affectionately known as Old Brick — and adjoining cemetery subsequently were turned over to Salem Lutheran.

The Rev. G.W. Scheider of Philadelphia, and later, Rev. D. Garner, each served the church briefly. After Rev. Garner left to visit Egypt, Arabia and the Holy Land, the church had no pastor for several years. The Rev. Scherer returned to the church and its 11 members on Nov. 15, 1856, remaining until 1879. Under Scherer's watch and through a series of evangelistic campaigns, Salem's membership grew to 74 members.

In 1888, the Rev. J.L. Hammond — by now, Salem's pastor — started holding Lutheran services Sunday afternoons at Dennis Hall in Princeton. Attendance quickly grew, and by 1898, work began on a church building along Second Street, on a lot donated by Christian Schmalz. That church became known as Zion Lutheran Church, with the choir — organized by Hammond, known to many as a "splendid singer" — its nucleus. Early members had the surnames of Helble, Keiholtz, Like, McCoy, Olinger, Pollock, Pope and Schmalz.

Meanwhile, the Salem church continued on, sharing pastors and ministry with Zion. Salem never had more than 75 members, and in 1922, the church merged with Zion. The building remained in good shape for many years thereafter, often serving as a place for special services, oyster suppers, weddings and funerals. The church was torn down in 1943; a co-located cemetery remains in use.

Many changes were made to the Zion building since 1898, including the addition of a full basement in the early 1950s for Sunday School classes and kitchen and restroom facilities.

The biggest change, however, came in 1971,

when the church underwent an extensive remodeling. The church sanctuary was completely reversed, with the altar and pulpit moved from the west side to the east end of the church, and all-new pews, narthex, offices and carpeting added, plus ample provisions for parking. The project, completed under the guidance of the Rev. Alan Henderson, cost \$38,000 and was dedicated in January 1972.

Zion shared pastors and ministry programs with Trinity Lutheran Church of Pleasant Valley twice in its history — from the 1920s until 1947 and again from 1973 to 1984. Today, the church is affiliated with the Princeton, Pleasant Valley, Argo and LeClaire (PPAL) pastor's group, a coalition of nine churches in those communities.

At varying times in its history, Zion has given seed money to begin Lutheran congregations in the Quad-Cities — including St. Paul and St. Mark Lutheran churches in Davenport.

### Future challenges lie ahead

Zion, a member of the ELCA, currently has 215 members, with active organizations including the Women of Joy, Men's Fellowship, the church choir and a youth group. The church's mission statement says that Zion "will soar into the millennium by focusing on proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ with renewed commitment to worship, education and outreach."

Like many other congregations its size, Zion Lutheran will face many challenges in the future.

"Because Zion is in a growing area, it's a



Zion Lutheran Church — Princeton

major challenge to invite new people to become a part of the community," said Hougen.

Opolka said Zion will thrive for another 150 years "because the congregation and its people realize that this church has a purpose: To continue in its ministry in this area of Scott County."

Sorensen added that during the past 150 years, society has changed in many ways. In order for Zion — as well as the city of Princeton and its institutions — to surmount those challenges, they must determine ways to boost the population base to ensure their survival, he said. He believes Zion and the surrounding area have a very good chance of flourishing for the next century and beyond.

"I've lived in many parts of the world and this is as beautiful a part of the world as you can find," he said.

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## Princeton

### James Carver

PRINCETON, Iowa — Services for James L. Carver, 75, Princeton, will be 1:30 p.m. Monday at McGinnis, Chambers & Sass Funeral Home, Bettendorf. Burial will be in Preemption Cemetery, Preemption, Ill.

Visitation will be 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Mr. Carver died Thursday, Aug. 24, 2000, at Genesis Medical Center-West Campus in Davenport after an extended illness.



**Mr. Carver**

Mr. Carver owned and operated J. L. Carver Lumber Co. in Princeton, a company he founded in 1953.

He was born May 25, 1925, in Matherville, Ill., to Ralph and Martha (McIntire) Carver. He married Evelyn D. DeVol in Galena, Ill., on April 23, 1953.

He was an ROTC graduate and a veteran of the Army Air Corps.

Jim had a life-long interest in logging and lumber. He was a hard worker and in his spare time enjoyed fishing.

Memorials may be made to the Princeton Volunteer Fire Department.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn; his daughters, Crystal Gillam, Princeton, and Karen Sue Edmund, Milan, Ill.; his sons and daughters-in-law, Tim and Barb Carver, Bettendorf, Jess and Amy Carver, DeWitt, and John and Nancy Quigley, Delmar; 22 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and his brother and sister-in-law, Ron and Janice Carver, Milan.

He was preceded in death by his sons, Rick Quigley in 1987 and James "Bud Bud" Carver in 1995.

## Princeton

### Evelyn Carver

PRINCETON, Iowa — Services for Evelyn D. Carver, 72, a resident of Princeton, will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at McGinnis, Chambers & Sass Funeral Home, Bettendorf. Burial will be in Davenport Memorial Park.

Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Evelyn died Saturday, May 26, 2001, at Bettendorf Health-care Center.

She was born Aug. 20, 1928, in Davenport, to Jahiel



**Mrs. Carver**

A. "Hap" and Bertha A. (Miller) DeVol. She married James L. Carver on April 23, 1953, in Galena, Ill. He died Aug. 24, 2000.

She and her husband owned and operated Carver Lumber Co., Princeton, for 48 years.

Evelyn loved to go to garage sales and dearly loved her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Princeton Volunteer Fire Department.

Survivors include her daughter, Crystal Gillam, Princeton; her sons and daughters-in-law, John and Nancy Quigley, Delmar, Tim and Barb Carver, Belpre, Ohio, and Jesse and Amy Carver, DeWitt; her stepdaughter, Karen Sue Edmund, and her husband, Rick, Milan, Ill.; 21 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; her sisters, Margaret Young, Davenport, and Barbara Lang, Pleasant Valley; and her brothers and sisters-in-law, Nelson and Eileen DeVol, Davenport, and James and Joyce DeVol, Pleasant Valley.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her sons, Rick Quigley, in 1987, and James "Bud Bud" Carver in 1995.



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**Albert  
Grosz**



### **Albert Grosz**

Services for Albert O. Grosz, 83, of Princeton, were held at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 1, at Nelson Heesch Funeral Home, LeClaire, with the Rev. Joshua Peterson, of Zion Lutheran Church, Princeton, officiating.

Pallbearers were Mike Grosz, Delaney Houser, Finley Gunn, Chuck Seitz, John Bridges and Dave Fanning. Burial was in Oakridge Cemetery, Princeton.

Mr. Grosz died Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2000, at Trinity Medical Center-North Campus, Davenport.

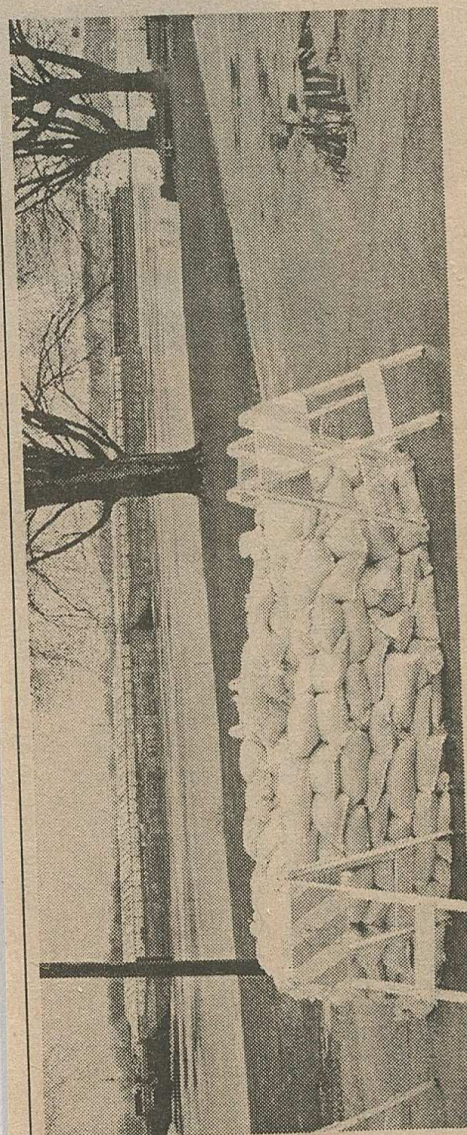
Albert Grosz was born Feb. 17, 1917, in Blunt, S.D., the son of Gustov and Caroline Grosz. He married June Wittrock in 1940 in Missouri.

Mr. Grosz had owned and operated Al's Garage in Princeton, for more than 50 years.

Memorials may be made to the Princeton Fire Department or to the family.

Survivors include three grandchildren.

The city and residents of Princeton were prepared for the big flood in April. This picture was taken before the Mighty Mississippi was closed to barge traffic.



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**Cecil  
Fletcher**



## Cecil Fletcher

Services for Cecil L. Fletcher, 84, a life-long resident of LeClaire, were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16 at McGinnis, Chambers & Sass Funeral Home, Bettendorf, with the Rev. George McCord, pastor of the Living Church of Jesus Christ, Eldridge, officiating. Mr. Don Kincaid sang "How Great Thou Art," and "The Lord's Prayer," accompanied by Gary Freers on the organ. Pallbearers were Jim Schlump, Joel Schlump, John Schlump, Sam Cornelison, Jan Bucks and Glen McCulloh. Honorary pallbearers were Winton McCulloh, Bob McCulloh and Jim Golden. Burial was in the Salem Lutheran Cemetery, Princeton.

Mr. Fletcher died Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2002, at Genesis Medical Center-West Campus, Davenport.

Cecil Fletcher was born on the family farm in LeClaire on July 8, 1918, the son of John and Lena Mae (Helble) Fletcher.

Mr. Fletcher was a well-known historian, musician, author and ardent admirer of Buffalo Bill Cody.

He was an accomplished musician and played the trumpet and bass fiddle in a number of area bands for many years. He was also a farmer, song writer, penned the book "The Life of a Rusticator from Buffalo Bill Ground and Napsinekee Hollow," recorded two record albums and several history tapes as well.

**Martha  
Holst**



## Martha Holst

Services for Martha Holst, 96, of Pleasant Valley, formerly of rural Princeton, were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16 in the Runge Mortuary Chapel, with the Rev. Gary Wright of Zion Lutheran Church, East Moline, officiating. Kenneth Peterson was the organist, and Glen Underwood was the vocalist. Pallbearers were Dick Hamilton, Ted Baetke, Allen Hoffman, Wayne Holst, Bob Gallagher Sr. and Steve Suter. Burial was in Pine Hill Cemetery, Davenport.

Miss Holst died Thursday, Nov. 14, 2002, at Riverview Manor in Pleasant Valley, following an extended illness.

Martha Holst was born June 13, 1906, in Princeton, the daughter of Claus and Minna (Lange) Holst.

Miss Holst farmed with her brother, Walter, in the Princeton area.

She was a member of Echo Rebekah Lodge, Princeton.

Memorials may be made to the Lutheran Hour or American Cancer Society.

Survivors include cousins, Marie Radke, Aurelia, Iowa, Cora Frank, Hastings, Neb., Ella Meyer, Tilden, Neb., Harold Friedrich, Storm Lake, Iowa, and Hugo Holst, Walcott.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and brothers, Walter in 1986, and Harry in 1929.



## George Southworth

PLEASANT VALLEY, Iowa — George "Bob" Southworth, 96, Pleasant Valley, formerly of Princeton, died Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2002, at Pleasant Valley Masonic Home, Pleasant Valley.

Services will be 10 a.m. Friday at Runge Mortuary, Davenport. Burial will be in Davenport Memorial Park.

Visitation is 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the mortuary. Masonic services will be conducted there at 7 p.m.

Mr. Southworth owned and operated a drug store with his wife in Princeton until 1952. He later was employed until 1970 as a foreman at Central Engineering, Davenport. He also was a self-employed welder in the Princeton area.

He was born July 10, 1925, in rural Tompkins Center, Mich. He married Erma Haywood in 1943 in Kansas City, Mo. She died in 1984.

Survivors include nieces and nephews.

## Pearl Erling

DAVENPORT — Pearl M. Erling, 90, of Davenport, passed away on Wednesday, May 21, 2003, at Genesis Medical Center-East Campus, Davenport. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, May 24, in the Runge Mortuary Chapel. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Friday at the mortuary. Burial will be in Davenport Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Bolls Community Center, Princeton, Iowa, at Zion Lutheran Church, Princeton.

Pearl M. Pentland was born on July 7, 1912, in Ruthton, Minn., the second eldest of seven children to Clyde and Julia (Olson) Pentland.



Mrs. Erling

She was united in marriage to August Erling Sr. on June 5, 1929, in Davenport. Pearl and her husband farmed in the Princeton/McCausland area for 54 years. August Sr. preceded her in death on February 28, 1988.

She was a 49-year member of the Echo Rebekah Lodge No. 104 of Princeton and the World War II Mothers.

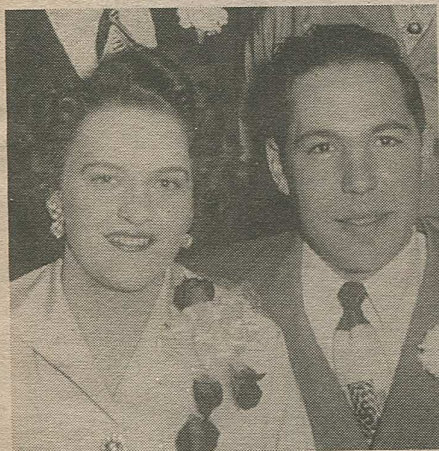
For the past year, she was a resident at Silvercrest Assisted Living and enjoyed the activities and time spent there with her friends.

Survivors include sons and daughters-in-law, August Jr. and Marilyn B. Erling, Princeton, and Donald and Carol Erling, Belle Vista, Arkansas; daughter, Joyce Kislia, Davenport; sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Glenna Erling, Wellton, Ariz., and Robert and Janice Erling, LeClaire, Iowa; daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Glenn Kendrick, McCausland, Iowa; 16 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Also surviving are sisters, Marjorie Holdridge, Murietta, Calif., and Julia ("Bert") Organ, Albuquerque, New Mexico; and sisters-in-law, Stella Pentland, McMinnville, Ore., and Pearl E. Erling, DeWitt, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and a sister and three brothers and a son-in-law.

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## Maynards note 50th anniversary Nov. 30

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Maynard of Princeton will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a three-day trip to northeastern Iowa.

Lila Austin and Mr. Maynard were married Nov. 30, 1952, at Congregational Church

in Clinton. Mr. Maynard was in the trucking business for many years, semi-retiring in 1990. Mrs. Maynard volunteers in a nursing home, enjoys community work and is a homemaker.



## LeClaire

### Charles Morgan

LeCLAIRE, Iowa — Services for Charles "Chappy" Morgan, 91, of LeClaire, will be 2 p.m. Monday at the Nelson Heesch Funeral Home, LeClaire, with Rev. Dixie Voss Anders officiating. Burial will be in Glendale Cemetery, LeClaire.

Visitation is one hour before the service.

Mr. Morgan died Friday, Nov. 23, 2001, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home.

He was born May 25, 1910, in Princeton, Iowa, a son of Bertram and Ida (Chandler) Morgan. He married Elda Marie Peitscher on Sept. 29, 1934, in Galena, Ill.

He and his wife owned and operated the Green Tree Grocery Store and later the Morgan Superette in LeClaire for 42 years.

He was a member of Snow Lodge AF & AM, LeClaire, for more than 55 years and the Golfmohr Golf Club. He also was a former member and chief of the LeClaire Volunteer Fire Department, past board member of the Buffalo Bill Museum, and a past president of the LeClaire Civic Club. In his young years, he was a soft shoe dancer, performing in many minstrel shows and productions.

Memorials may be made to the Buffalo Bill Museum.

Surviving are his wife, Elda Marie, LeClaire; a grandson and his spouse, Brian and Patty Morgan, Princeton, Iowa; a great grandson, Jay Morgan, Princeton; and a daughter-in-law and her spouse, Patricia and C. A. Ricketts, Riverdale, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister; two brothers; two grandsons; and a son, Ronald Dean Morgan, in 1968.



Mr. Morgan



Mr. and Mrs. Leon Harry



Mr. and Mrs. Harry in 1952

### Harry

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Harry, Princeton, Iowa, will be honored on July 13 at an open house to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives may call from 2-6 p.m. at 623 5th St., Princeton. It has been requested that gifts be omitted.

Marian Bigler and Mr. Harry were married July 12, 1952 in Peoria, Ill.

Mr. Harry was employed by Oscar Mayer, Davenport, retiring in 1989.

His wife was employed by Boll's Store, Princeton, retiring in 1996.

Their children and their spouses are Jeffrey and Rita, Big Rock, Ill.; Terrence and Kathy, Bettendorf; Joel and Debra, Princeton; Cynthia, Bettendorf; Andrew and Yvette, Princeton; Lisa and Steven, Bettendorf; and the late Peter.

They have 13 grandchildren.

## VandeMoortel 2002

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph VandeMoortel, 1321 27th Ave., Moline were honored on June 22 at an open house to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Marilyn Vulysteke and Mr. VandeMoortel were married June 21, 1952 in Moline.

Mr. VandeMoortel was employed by Pak Mail, Rock Island, retiring in May 2000.

His wife is employed by Heartland Healthcare, Moline.

Their children and their spouses are Carol and Rich; Joline; Chris and Bruce; Gary and Anne; Jan and Ron; Mary Kay and Jim; and Mike and Tracey.

They have 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

## BIRTHDAYS



Betty Burkamper

### Burkamper

Mrs. Betty Burkamper, 926 3rd St., Princeton, Iowa will be honored on June 29 at an open house to celebrate her 80th birthday.

Friends and relatives may call from 2-5 p.m. at Boll's Community Center, Princeton. It has been requested that gifts be omitted.

Betty McCauley was born June 27, 1922 in LeClaire, Iowa. She married Micky (Alvin) Burkamper in LeClaire in 1961. He is deceased.

Mrs. Burkamper was employed for many years by her brother and sister-in law, Russ McCauley, at the Lone Star Inn, LeClaire, and Bridges, Princeton.

Her children are Cheryl Brotherton, Princeton; Julie Huckleberry; Kevin Kimmel, Princeton; and Shawn Paaske, Princeton.



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Mary  
Gunn

## Mary Gunn

Services for Mary D. Gunn, 75, of Princeton, were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, June 24 at Our Lady of the River Catholic Church, LeClaire, with the Rev. Leo Feeney officiating. Pallbearers were Brian Clifton, John Segura, Leo Segura, Jimm Tostado, Joe Ruiz and Don Hahn. Burial was in Oakridge Cemetery, Princeton. McGinnis, Chambers & Sass Funeral Home, Bettendorf, was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Gunn died Wednesday, June 19, 2002, at the home of her daughter in Germantown, Tenn., following an extended illness.

Mary Tostado was born Jan. 4, 1927, in Topeka, Kan., the daughter of Marcelino and Josephine Tostado. She married Finley Gunn at Daytona Beach, Fla., in 1966.

During World War II, she was employed as head dietician at the Winter General Hospital in Topeka. In later years, she was head chef at the former Howard Johnson's Restaurant, Davenport, and in more recent years, was employed by Mrs. Lois O'Malley Suiter, Princeton.

Mrs. Gunn was a member of the Princeton Moose Lodge, and attended Our Lady of the River Catholic Church.

She enjoyed cooking and spending time with her family and friends.

Memorials may be made to the St. Francis Hospice Fund, P.O. Box 172197, Memphis, TN 38187-2197.

Survivors include her husband; daughters, Juanita Amore, Germantown, Patty Stark, Las Vegas, Nev., and Mary Jo Taffolla, Davenport; a stepdaughter, Zoe Seed, Clifton, Ill.; stepsons, Dan Gunn, Moline, and Mark Gunn, Des Moines; six grandchildren; 12 step-grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sisters, Virginia Chavez, Harrisburg, Penn., and Stella Ruiz, San Bernardino, Calif.; and brothers, Tony Tostado, Topeka, Kan., and Harry Tostado, San Francisco.

She was preceded in death by a son, Joseph Camareno in 1978, and a brother, Joseph Tostado.

## Audubon Ark docks in Princeton Sunday

Should the Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Congress support programs for both ecosystem restoration and navigation efficiency improvements on the Upper Mississippi River?

That is one of the key questions the national Audubon Society will ask in a series of 25 listening sessions on board the Audubon Ark sternwheeler as they travel from the Quad Cities to St. Louis and back during the next five weeks.

Nearly every day during the tour, Audubon will invite people on board to get information about current agency plans for the future of the river and to ask them to fill out two brief surveys to share their views. The bright red

riverboat will dock in Princeton on Sunday, Sept. 21, from 4 to 7 p.m.

"This stretch of the river between the Quad Cities and St. Louis is the place that could be most directly affected by many of the navigation expansion projects currently being studied by the Corps of Engineers," said Dan McGuinness, Audubon Upper Mississippi River campaign director. "It is also the reach of the river that is home to the Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge Complex."

McGuinness said the Audubon is doing the listening sessions to hear the viewpoints of those that live along the river and to get a better understanding of how people feel the river should be managed in the future.

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### Darlene Santee

Services for Darlene M. Santee, 80, of Princeton, were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 16 at McGinnis, Chambers & Sass Funeral Home, Bettendorf, with the Rev. Roy Ann Mathews officiating. Pallbearers were Steve Davidson, Scott Griffin, Mike Beard, Jerry Davidson and Russell Dunbar Jr. Burial was in Davenport Memorial Park.

Mrs. Santee died Sunday, April 14, 2002, at her home following a courageous battle with cancer.

Darlene Cole was born Nov. 13, 1921, in Follett, Iowa, the daughter of Ray and Maude (Crampton) Cole. She married George Santee in Clinton on June 1, 1940.

Mrs. Santee was a homemaker. She enjoyed cooking and playing bingo with her friends.

Memorials may be made to the family or Genesis Hospice.

Survivors include her husband; daughters, Rita and husband Dennis Siefers, and Nancy Griffin, all of LeClaire, Joni Davidson,

Darlene  
Santee

Bettendorf, and Carol and husband Russell Dunbar, Hampton, Ill.; 13 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; a sister, Della Siem, Follett; and a brother, William Cole, Princeton.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Bruce Cole; a son-in-law, Jerrold Griffin; and a grandson, Shane Griffin.



# Princeton bids farewell to Dixie's

By Brian Rathjen  
NSP Staff Writer

"Friendly, personalized service."

That's what customers of Dixie's Beauty Boutique in Princeton have come to expect from owner Sandy Randolph and her staff of hair stylists for more than 30 years.

Whether it was opening the salon at 6:30 a.m. for an early riser, selecting just the right hair style for a teen-age girl going to a high school dance or making a trip to the hospital to perm a loyal customer's hair, Dixie's lived by that motto.

On Saturday, that era came to an end in the Mississippi River town.

Due to the uncertain future of the ownership of the building which Dixie's called home, Randolph decided to close Princeton's only beauty salon.

"We heard the building (owned by Great River Band & Trust) was sold to some fellow

in Cedar Rapids," the Princeton native said, noting the building has been on the market for more than a year. "But what I heard (later) was they never had the official closing.

"You can't run a business when you only have a month-to-month rental agreement," she said.

Dixie's has operated from the same location, 318 River Drive, since it opened many years ago. The salon is named for Randolph's sister, Dixie Maurer, who had operated the Princeton salon for several years before Randolph took it over. Maurer also had salons in LeClaire and Wilton.

Maurer rented the building when Jack and John Reimers owned it, according to Randolph. The building had previously housed a pool hall and a barber shop, among other businesses.

"I started to work for Dixie in December 1971. In October 1972, she said, 'You're

buying me out,'" said Randolph. She explained Maurer lived in Wilton and operated a salon there, and the daily trips to LeClaire and Princeton were too much to handle.

Since taking over the salon, Randolph and her team of stylists have permed thousands of heads, with the customers' needs varying.

Many times, Dixie's stylists would take time out of their schedule to pick up an older customer and drive them to and from the salon. Randolph has also given perms to elderly shut-ins and made trips to the hospital to style the hair of loyal customers who were patients. "Even after they die, if they (had requested) me to do their hair, I can do it," she said.

The earliest Randolph ever came in to do a perm is 5:10 a.m. on a Saturday, while she has sometimes stayed as late as 10 p.m. to serve customers.

"I had a regular client at 6:30 in the morning every Friday for nine years. When she retired, I retired that early morning appointment," said Randolph.

What's wonderful about a small-town salon such as Dixie's, explained Randolph, is customers are understanding when someone else has an emergency and needs their appointment. She'll simply call the client who had the appointment reserved, explain the situation and ask them to reschedule. "They're understanding, always," she said.

"We've had absolutely wonderful customers," she said. "I still have some of the same customers I started with."

While Dixie's has styled its last head of hair, it doesn't mean Randolph or her two-member staff are hanging up their hair dryers for good. Marsha Schulz and Renee Doyle, both of whom have worked at Dixie's for six years, have already found jobs.

Schulz is serving clients at Great Cuts, inside the Wal-Mart Supercenter in Clinton, while Doyle started last week at Hair Consultants in LeClaire. Randolph, meanwhile, starts Thursday at Zaruba's Salon and Day



Sandy Randolph

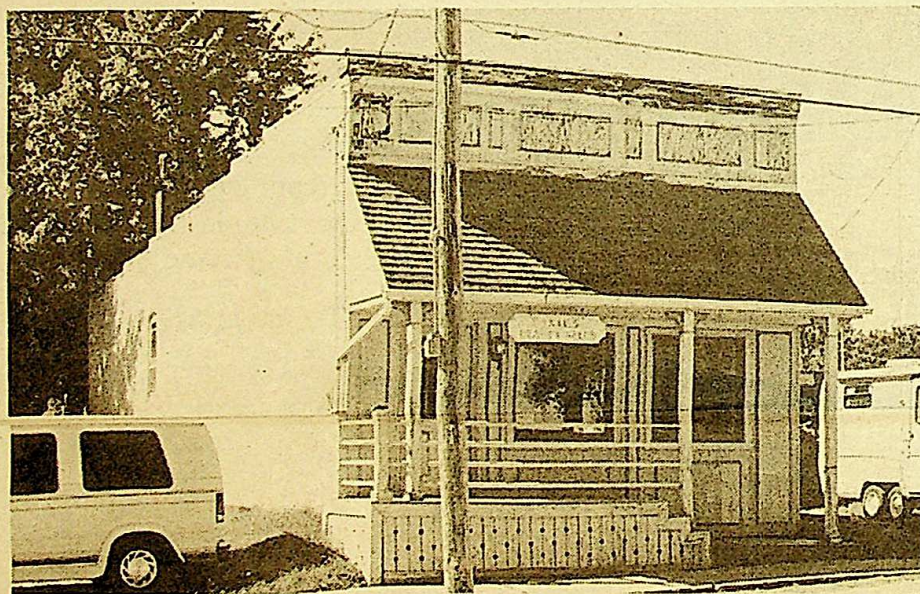
Spa Services in LeClaire.

"Absolutely," said Randolph when asked if Schulz and Doyle were valued members of the staff. "For the past five years, I would leave Dec. 1 to go to Florida and come back April 1. They keep the place running good while I'm gone."

She also lauded the efforts of Linda Suiter, a stylist who worked at Dixie's from 1976 to 1996. "She was wonderful," said Randolph.

But it's the customers Randolph said she will always treasure.

"They're that extended family," she said, thankful for her customers for a "wonderful" 30 years. "They're always accommodating."



Dixie's Beauty Boutique, 318 River Drive, Princeton, has served customers for more than three decades. The beauty salon closed Saturday, leaving the Mississippi River town without a beauty salon.

NSP Photos by Brian Rathjen



## Princeton

### Jerry McLaughlin

PRINCETON, Iowa — Jerry D. McLaughlin, 50, a resident of Chicago Heights and formerly of Princeton, died Friday, July 26, 2002 at Glenwood Terrace Nursing Center, Glenwood, Ill., following an extended illness.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at McGinnis, Chambers & Sass Funeral Home, Bettendorf. Burial will be in Oakridge Cemetery, Princeton.



Mr. Laughlin

Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Jerry was born Sept. 7, 1951, in Washington, the son of David E. and Roberta M. (Sible) McLaughlin.

Jerry was a self-employed horticulturist in the nursery and landscaping business.

He enjoyed music, gardening, playing the guitar and was an avid fan of the Chicago Bears.

Memorials may be made to the A.L.S. Foundation or to the Odyssey Hospice.

Those left to honor his memory include his daughters, Jessica McLaughlin and Jolene McLaughlin, both of Clearwater, Florida; his sons, Jeffrey McLaughlin, Allegan, Mich. and Jerry "Jade" McLaughlin, Bettendorf; his grandchildren, Mia, Trey and Jasper; his parents, David and Roberta McLaughlin, Princeton; his sister, Debra Ruggles, Park View; and his brother, Terry G. McLaughlin, Chicago Heights.

He was preceded in death by his son, Jason McLaughlin.



Mr. and Mrs. Harold Anderson



Mr. and Mrs. Anderson in 1952

### Anderson

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Anderson, Princeton, Iowa, will be honored on Aug. 11th at a family dinner to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are celebrating their parents 50th wedding anniversary with a card shower. Please send cards to P.O. Box 138, Princeton, Iowa, 52768.

Margaret Hamilton and Mr. Anderson were married April 16, 1952 in Argo Presbyterian Church, LeClaire, Iowa.

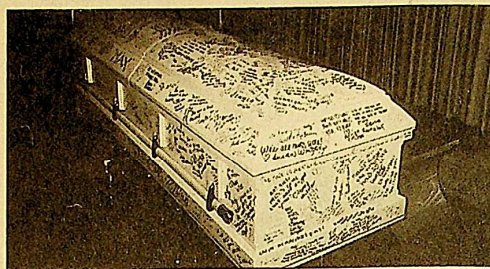
Mr. Anderson was employed by North Scott Bus Garage and the Iowa D.O.T., retiring in 1994 after 15 years.

His wife was employed as a North Scott bus driver, Eldridge, retiring in 1995 after 24 years.

Their children and their spouses are Paul and Mari Jo, Dublin, Ohio; Susie and Rocky Shipman, Winterset, Iowa; Lorene and Kip Caldwell, Des Moines, Iowa; Karen and Paul Soenksen, Princeton; Krista and Dave Link, Cincinnati, Ohio; and Amy and Scott Andersen, Eldridge.

They have 13 grandchildren.





## BILL WUNDRAM

# The white casket with all the names

There were no flowers on the casket. It was white, of ash wood, and there was a special reason for its snowy, matte surface. It was intended to be covered with memories.

It was scrawled with names and messages, every inch of it, hundreds of names in love and memory of Andrew J. Elverd, who would have been 17 in a week.

If this be a way of closure, so be it.

**For the friends** of Andy, signing the casket was a silent completeness to the death of a Princeton, Iowa, teen who was killed in a traffic accident.

This may have been the first casket-penned eulogy of its type in the Quad-Cities, and I believe there will be more in the future.

Caskets that bear signatures have come to be known as "Columbine Caskets." There is no crass intention, but for any better term, they are regularly called that because the first of



'It was a meaningful way for young friends to say

goodbye ... They wanted to send Andy on his way with their names and memories of him written on his casket.'

**MERIBETH ELVERD**  
Mother of Andy Elverd

goodbye," his mother says. "His friends were at the visitation only for Andy, and I believe this was their true way of grieving. They wanted to send Andy on his way with their names and memories of him written on his casket."

**The casket** had a special box inside with permanent markers for writing. It was covered with messages the likes of "We'll miss you" and "Love" and "Remember the great time we had last summer."

"I think signing the messages and their names was a great relief for the kids," Maribeth Elverd says.

The casket, which was open, was set out from the wall of the mortuary so visitors could cluster around and sign their thoughts on all sides. Even the inside of the lid was filled with messages.

"We told his friends to please feel free to write their feelings," Chambers says. "We said that he would take their words with him."

**Young people**, it is understood, are more emotional than adults over the death of one of their own. It is a struggle for them to know how to react, what to say.

As an analogy, Chambers says, "They are like a ship without a rudder."

Chambers is convinced the signing of Andy's casket was a therapeutic thing. "I studied the signatures and the messages. Some were big and bold; others were tiny, as if meant to be a secret between the writer and Andy."

So many wanted to sign the casket that there was a lineup for hours. The visitation book had 1,100 signatures and 750 were at the funeral at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church.

**The signature** casket is not for everyone. Certainly it would not be for a 95-year-old grandmother, Chambers says. Still, there is a need for such closure from teens to one of their own.

"I have another one of those caskets. Some day, when the occasion comes up, I will have it," Chambers says.

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## Princeton

### Andrew Elverd

PRINCETON, Iowa — Services for Andrew J. "AJ" "Max" Elverd, 16, a resident of Princeton, will be 11 a.m. Friday at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 1506 Brown St., Bettendorf. The Rev. Scott Tooley, pastor of Long Grove Christian Church, and the Rev. Joshua Wold-Peterson, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Princeton, will officiate. Burial will be in Glendale Cemetery, LeClaire.

Visitation is 3-8 p.m. Thursday at McGinnis, Chambers & Sass Funeral Home, Bettendorf.

Andrew died Sunday, Oct. 28, 2001, after an automobile accident near Princeton.



AJ

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family.

Andrew was born Dec. 4, 1984, in Fort Myers, Fla., to Larry and Maribeth (Graaff) Elverd, and had recently begun his junior year at North Scott High School, Eldridge.

AJ was employed at North Scott Food, Park View. He was a member of Long Grove Christian Church and was active in the youth group.

He loved anything to do with cars ... driving, repairing and building model cars. In addition, he enjoyed boating, canoeing and camping.

One of the most important parts of his life was his many wonderful friends. He will be deeply missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Those left to honor his memory include his parents, Larry and Maribeth Elverd, Princeton; his brothers, Jesse and Tony, both at home; his grandparents, Andy and Jan Graaff, Pleasant Valley; his girlfriend, Bridget Vanderberg; and aunts, uncles and cousins and many wonderful friends.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Noah; his grandparents, Carl and Martha Elverd; his aunt, Judy Elverd; and his great aunt and great uncle, Earl and Joyce Brockhouse.



## Princeton Emery Graham

PRINCETON, Iowa — Emery R. Graham, 92, a resident of rural Princeton, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2002, at the Kahl Home for the Aged in Davenport. He suffered a stroke at his home the day after Christmas.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at McGinnis, Chambers & Sass Funeral Home, Bettendorf. Burial will be in Salem Lutheran Cemetery, rural Princeton.



Mr. Graham

Visitation is 3-7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Mr. Graham was born Aug. 1, 1909, on the family farm near Princeton, the son of Jesse and Emma (Robison) Graham. He was united in marriage to Gladys M. Stahmer in Argo on Feb. 21, 1934. She preceded him in death on May 11, 1978.

Mr. Graham farmed all of his life in rural Princeton and was a member of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, Argo.

Memorials may be made to Our Savior Presbyterian

Church, Argo, or the Princeton Volunteer Fire Department.

Those left to honor his memory include his daughter, Sharon VanDerPool of Needham, Mass.; his son, James L. Graham of Princeton; one granddaughter; and a very special friend, Cora Allers of Davenport.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his sister, Edith Hamilton; and his brothers, Clayton Graham and Leslie Graham.

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# Sierra Club honors Bosworth, Yerington

By Amy Thon  
Staff writer

The Iowa chapter of the Sierra Club has honored several local environmental leaders for their work during the past year.

Sheila Bosworth won the Distinguished Service Award for her work with the Sierra Club during the last 13 years. The

Public Service Award was given to Davenport Mayor Phil Yerington for his work in support of community groups working on urban

sprawl issues. Alcoa received the Business Service Award for its efforts to reduce harmful releases into the environment.

Ms. Bosworth has worked in leadership positions at the local, state and national levels of the Sierra Club. She's been involved in a variety of issues, including landfill placement, storm water drain signs and urban sprawl.



Phil  
Yerington

She said being able to address a variety of issues is one of the reasons she's been involved with the club for so long.

"Everybody has a passion in their lives and things they believe in, and that's what they should work for," she said. "It's become what I'm most passionate about, and I'll continue to do so."

Ms. Bosworth also said she hopes to set an example for other people, especially her children, through her work. She hopes to inspire people to get involved in causes they care about.

She's been treasurer of the Eagle View Group of the Sierra Club — the Iowa Quad-Cities chapter — and produced its newsletter.

Mayor Yerington has made significant contributions in Davenport to reduce urban sprawl and revitalize the downtown, said Ms. Bosworth, who also is a spokesperson for the Sierra Club.

Davenport had many land-use issues when Mayor Yerington got into office, including development at 53rd Street and Eastern Avenue, she said.

"He's taken a stand with us on that."

Mayor Yerington said he was flattered to receive the award.

"The Sierra Club carries some big weight, not only in the state of Iowa, but nationally," he said.

The Sierra Club played a big role in helping city leaders realize they can't continue to ex-

pand over farmland, he said. "In each of those situations we were fighting hand in hand with the Sierra Club," he said.

Mayor Yerington also was involved in problems that arose from spring flooding, fighting against building a floodwall along Davenport's downtown and hosting a mayor's summit to discuss flooding, Ms. Bosworth said.

"He believes in keeping our river a working river," she said.

His enthusiasm for environmental issues is uncommon in local elected officials, she said, adding the Public Service Award often goes to state representatives.

"It is unusual, and we wanted to recognize that," she said. "It's a good way to recognize people for their commitment."

Alcoa Davenport Works has shown a commitment to improving Iowa's environment through goals to continuously reduce releases that may cause harm to the air, land and water that they approach zero by 2010, according to a Sierra Club press release.

"This commitment is followed up ... through innovative programs within the plant including recycling, eliminating and reduction of toxic chemicals, solvents and oil particulate emissions," the release said.

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## Back Pain?

Clinton, IA - Most people have no idea what to do when they experience back pain; they use heat, ice, sleep on the floor, even take pain pills hoping their pain will go away. The more you don't







**Robert  
Sawdey**



### Robert Sawdey

Services for Robert J. Sawdey, 56, of Princeton, were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 7 at the Nelson Heesch Funeral Home, LeClaire, with the Rev. Lance Ziegler officiating. Pallbearers were Larry Portz, Larry Hem, John Frazier, Dick Prowel, Floyd Mizner and Roger Asleson. Honorary pallbearers were Paul Fix, Dave Fanning, Joe Fanning, Jim Miller and Allen Asleson. Burial was in Oakridge Cemetery, Princeton.

Mr. Sawdey died Thursday, Jan. 3, 2002, at his home, after an extended illness.

Robert Sawdey was born March 14, 1945, in Davenport, the son of Myron and Edith Lemmon Sawdey. He married Mildred Hartley on July 24, 1971, in Davenport.

Mr. Sawdey was employed on the President Riverboat Casino from 1994 until last year. Earlier he had been employed at Caterpillar for 20 years in the maintenance department.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving from 1963-1967.

He enjoyed the outdoors and the companionship of his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife; daughters, Beth Deitrick, and Michelle and husband Tuan Edwards, all of Princeton; a son, Paul Six Jr. and wife Kim Six Jr., Belleville, Ill.; grandchildren, Lance Deitrick, Rhiannon Six, Jacqueline Carver and Josephine Howkes; one great-grandchild; and sisters, Mary Ann Fanning, Princeton, and Emma Matherly, Coal Valley, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents Edith and Allen Woods, and a daughter, Maria

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# river people

## River runs through banker's veins

By Thomas Geyer  
ON THE RIVER

Step into Glen Suiter's office at Great River Bank and Trust in Princeton, and there's a sense of being a passenger on the Mississippi River.

You can't miss the arched beams and ship memorabilia — from the barometer on the wall to a ship's whistle and bell to a piece of white oak recovered from the schooner Queen City, which sank on Hog Island Reef in 1895. The room speaks more of a captain's cabin than a bank office.

Also, there is Suiter's telescope, which he often peeks through to see what is happening on the river or at Princeton Beach.

The rest of the bank also displays the same motif, giving customers the feeling that they're boarding a riverboat rather than preparing to request a loan or make a deposit.

No wonder. Not only is Suiter a man of the Mississippi, born and bred not far from the bank in a house that stands today, but the river is in his blood.

"Our family locally goes back to 1835, when Philip Suiter came down the Ohio River and up the Mississippi to LeClaire," he says.

"He became the first licensed pilot on the Mississippi between LeClaire and Davenport, which was called the Rock Island Rapids," he adds.

"Philip learned to navigate the river from the Indians."

With an ever-shifting river full of treacherous rocks, debris and sand bars, "It must have been a challenge to run the river in those days," Suiter says.

After the Effie Afton struck the new railroad bridge in the that linked east and west, between Illinois and the Davenport shore, Philip Suiter was an expert witness for Springfield attorney Abraham Lincoln, who represented the railroad (and won).

Philip's son, John, and grandson, Zack, also became river pilots. John's son, Charles, and Zack's son, Zack Jr. — Glen Suiter's father — often rode in the pilot house of John's packet boat, where he would grill the boys in math using flash cards.

"That's how my father became such a good mathematician," he says.

One day, Zack Sr. told the two boys the

"I found my first rowboat floating down the Mississippi when I was 8 and restored it ... I've known the river and have played on the river all my life."

GLEN SUITER  
Great River Bank and Trust

railroad would take over the packet business, so they both became bankers.

Glen worked his way up and retired as CEO of the bank in 2002. He remains chairman emeritus.

And he always has been captivated by the river.

"It's been my life," he says.

"I found my first rowboat floating down the Mississippi when I was 8 and restored it," he adds. "I've known the river and have played on the river all my life. If you know what you're doing, you

can read the river."

One of Suiter's favorite stories to tell links to his teen years, when he purchased a 15-foot mahogany hull for \$400 from an old boat builder at Robertson's Boat Co. in Bettendorf. He also retrieved a 1938 Ford V8 85-horsepower engine out of a wrecked car.

He wanted a fast boat, so he built one.

His Uncle Gardy helped overhaul the engine. But the the boat was only five feet wide, and the engine had so much torque that the boat would roll to a star-

board list when it was revved up.

"It was a bit overpowered, and we called the rig the floating motor," he says.

Despite the list and some spewing of grease, the boat ran fine — and fast, he recalls.

Suiter says he got the inspiration to build the boat by watching a Davenport dentist, Dr. Cyrus Rank, speed past Princeton almost every summer Sunday in a white and blue Chris Craft he kept at Davenport Lindsay Park Boat Club. He used to visit the club and bring his own boat.

And when he saw Dr. Rank coming, he prepared to race. "I never did talk to the doctor, so I don't know if he opened his boat up or not. But I could always just barely beat him."

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Glen Suiter keeps track of the goings on with the river with an antique telescope in his office at Great River Bank and Trust, Princeton, Iowa.  
Larry Fisher/ON THE RIVER





# Steering a true course

## ■ Princeton banker Glen Suiter cruises off into retirement

By Barb Geerts  
NSP Staff Writer

Boating or banking, Glen Suiter has always tried to steer a true course.

The chairman emeritus of Great River Bank & Trust, who has led the bank through much of its nearly century-long history, is all but retiring to his 55-foot cruiser harbored in San Diego.

Suiter was recognized for his 57 years of service during a July 2 gathering celebrating the bank's 95th anniversary and Glen's 80th birthday.

The Princeton native, who went from sweeping bank floors to presiding over sweeping changes at the financial institution, has always been known for his integrity and civic pride.

"I think you have to let people know you're completely honest and you have to serve your community. That way you get more back than you put in," Suiter said of his business philosophy.

He served as the first treasurer for the North Scott Community School District, and was on its Board of Directors for a time. He's also been active in the Red Cross, Boy Scouts and Princeton Presbyterian Church, and was a member of the board of the American Bankers Association.

A descendant of generations of riverboat pilots, Suiter has always maintained his ties to the river. His office at the Princeton bank offers a grand view of the Mississippi; tucked in a bay window is a brass spotter scope that allows close-up viewing of boats and wintering eagles passing by.

Suiter says he no longer "keeps hours" at the bank, where he started working while just a boy. At that time, it was known as Farmers Savings Bank, located just down River Drive in what is now the Princeton Library branch building. (Farmers Bank donated the structure to the library when the new office was built in 1985.)

Young Glen had followed his father, Zach "Z.G." Suiter Jr., and his uncle, Charlie Suiter, into the business.

"I grew up in the bank, sweeping out and scrubbing the floors and windows when I was 12 or 13 years old. And then I went on to college in business administration," he recalled. "All this time I was working in the bank and learning."

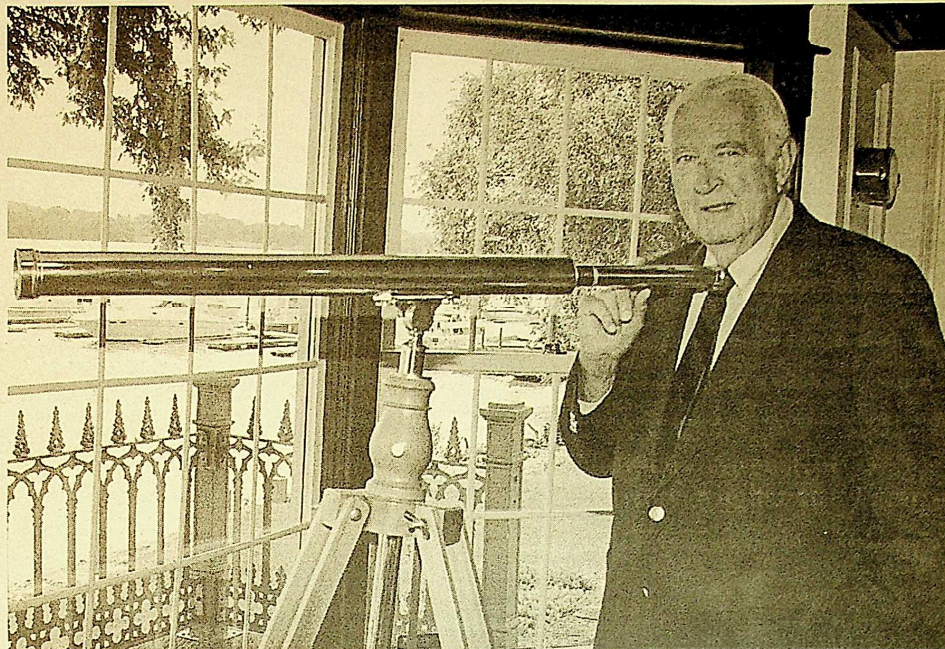
It was Glen's grandfather, Zach Sr., who had steered Zach and Charlie toward a career in finance. The last in a long line of packet boat pilots, he saw little future for his children in the industry.

"My grandfather was a pilot on the Eclipse and the Verne Swaine. He told my father and Uncle Charlie that the railroads were going to take over the river packet business and they were going to have to find a new occupation. So he made up flashcards," Glen stated. "My dad told me that they learned mathematics, through his father's insistence, in the pilot house of the packet boats as they would go from Davenport to Clinton."

The boys' exceptional ciphering ability paid off. Charlie Suiter would become the first permanent cashier of Farmers Savings Bank in 1908, and Z.G., who had previously run a livery stable, would join the business in 1912.

Glen later signed on as an assistant cashier, but his career was interrupted by World War II. With boating "in the blood," he decided to join the Navy, and became an officer and skipper of an amphibious craft, participating in the Pacific campaign against Japan.

"I ran my boat to Okinawa on its own power. We were the first flotilla of amphibious craft to go out on our own power," he said, adding that it was all part of a training exercise for a planned invasion of Nagasaki. But then, according to Suiter, "Good ol' Harry Truman dropped the (atomic) bombs (on Hiroshima and Nagasaki) and so I didn't have to invade."



A spotting scope allows for close-up viewing of passing boats and soaring eagles for long-time banker Glen Suiter, whose office at Great River Bank & Trust in Princeton offers a splendid view of the Mississippi. Suiter, the descendant of a long line of riverboat pilots, is all but retiring to his 55-foot cruiser in California after 57 years in the banking business. NSP Photo by Barb Geerts

Suiter has a photograph taken of the bow of that boat, known simply as "1084," on a wall of his riverside office, one of many nautical pieces decorating the room.

### In charge at 26

Suiter was only 20 when he received his commission as an ensign in Navy. When his stint ended in 1946 after three years, he returned to Farmers Savings Bank. While in the Navy, he had had an opportunity to continue his studies at Berea College in Berea, Ky., having previously attended St. Ambrose College in Davenport and the State University of Iowa, as it was then called.

"I had 3 1/2 years of college. I never did go back and get my degree," he admits. "I should have, (but) I was too busy raising a family and running a bank."

Glen took over management of the bank at the relatively young age of 26, when his father became ill. During his lengthy tenure, he rose through the ranks from cashier to executive vice president to president and finally, chairman of the board.

"They made me chairman emeritus about a year ago. My involvement is pretty minimal now," he says. "I had heart surgery about nine years ago and I really have not been active in management. My son, Steve, is the managing officer and president. My daughter, Jane Gahard, is secretary to the board of directors and vice president of the bank."

Glen and his first wife, Ruth Ann, also had two other daughters: Anne Cherowitzo and Sarah Danaher, both of whom live in Colorado. Ruth died in 1968. In 1971, Glen married Jean Daut. Jean, Glen's first mate on many a voyage of their boat, "Unforgettable," passed away about two years ago, he said.

"We did a lot of boating. We sailed the entire East Coast and the Mississippi and the Great Lakes, and the West Coast to Alaska and down to Mexico," he said.

The big Alaska cruise, which the couple took a decade ago, was "a real adventure," Glen says, taking 2 1/2 months and totaling 4,300 miles.

Suiter says that as captain of his own vessel, making oceanic trips, he's found himself in some difficult waters from time to time.

"There's been some rougher seas, but you use common sense. You've got to be a little bit lucky you don't get your nose into something you shouldn't be in," he offers.

That applies to more than just sailing, it

would seem.

Suiter's love of boats (he's owned more than 20) has spilled over into other hobbies. He collects steamboat whistles and other nautical items, many of which were found on their excursions. He likes to go biking, as well, and has a bicycle onboard "Unforgettable" to do some sightseeing while in port.

The longtime banker also owns a vintage 1940 Chriscraft boat that he keeps here in the Quad-Cities for use while he's home.

### 'I'll never leave forever'

"I still have a condo in Davenport, but I spend more time (in California) than I do here," Suiter stated. "I still enjoy living on the boat. I always said I wanted to live on a boat until I got tired of it. I'm not tired of it yet."

Suiter, who was scheduled to return to the coast July 20, says the climate there agrees with him.

"I find that I just do better in California, physically and mentally. I have more ambition when I'm out there," he remarked. "(But) I'll never leave forever. My roots are here."

With many of the bank's customers involved in agriculture, Suiter enjoys watching the progress of area crops, he says.

"It's sure fun to see the corn grow. It's really going," he observes.

It's also been interesting watching the bank grow over the years.

"When I came to the bank after World War II, our total assets were about \$1.5 million. Today they're about \$78-80 million," Suiter said.

In 1996, Farmers Savings Bank and the LeClaire State Bank, opened as a satellite

branch in the mid-1930s, merged entities to form Great River Bank & Trust. The financial institution — which managed to survive the Great Depression without having to close — has since opened a bank branch in Davenport, as well.

"We still think there's a good opportunity for locally owned, small banks," Suiter believes. "Although we're a small community bank, we still provide all the services that the larger banks provide. And I think we do it on a more personalized basis, which has always been important to me."

Suiter said the banking industry faces much more stringent regulations today than it did when he started out. But perhaps the biggest change in the industry came with the advent of computers.

"(Computers) have pretty well changed the way we handle everything in banking," he said.

Glen has been so synonymous with banking in this peaceful river hamlet that neither the bank officials nor the chairman emeritus seem anxious to sever all ties.

"It's my office as long as I want it. (But) I don't involve myself (in the business much). They're nice to me and ask me some questions once in awhile, and I make some unsolicited suggestions from time to time," he says, smiling. "But they do a good job (on their own). We've got a good group of people."

He knows that when California calls, as it invariably does, he's leaving things in good hands. And he'll be back where he longs to be — on the water.

Observes the octogenarian: "It's been a good run."

## Miss Scott County crown awarded Aug. 9

Six young women will be vying for this year's crown in the Miss Scott County Scholarship Program, to be held Saturday, Aug. 9 at 7 p.m. in the North Scott High School Auditorium in Davenport.

The winner of the contest — a preliminary to the Miss America Scholarship Program — will represent Scott County at the 2004 Miss Iowa Pageant in June. This year's theme is "Cruzin' Thru the Decades," and the program will feature Nicole White, Miss Iowa 2003; Amanda Sabin, Teen Miss Scott County; Cassandra Claes, Junior Miss Scott County; and Abbey Bryant, Li'l Miss Iowa. Andrew Robinson will serve as master of ceremonies.

In addition to the Miss Scott County Pro-

gram, a Little Miss, Junior Miss and Teen Miss competition also will be held the same day and time.

Tickets for the event are \$8 (\$5 for those 12 and under), and are available at the door. Advance tickets are \$7. For more information, call (563) 386-4043.

## 'Sharing the Caring' is Aug. 19

"Sharing the Caring," a caregivers' resource and support program, will be presented by Michelle Jech of Alternatives for the Older Adult on Tuesday, Aug. 19, at 10 a.m., in the Moline Southeast Library community room. To register, call (309) 736-5737.



# For Suiter, banking is a family affair

By Mary Louise Speer

QUAD-CITY TIMES

Banking, boating and family are Glen Suiter's passions.

Suiter, now mostly retired from Great River Bank & Trust, still keeps an office in the Princeton, Iowa, branch, located across the street from where he began his banking career at age 12.

"I'm pretty well retired now and my son, Steve, is president and chief

executive officer. I'm the chairman emeritus," he said. "My daughter, Jane Gahard — I call her my administrative assistant

— is the vice president and does whatever I need her to do. They're good kids and well-trained."

Suiter's voyage into the world of banking began at the Farmers Savings Bank. His uncle, Charles Suiter, had served as the first cashier, senior management in charge of operations. Charles Suiter left in 1917 and Zach Suiter, Glen Suiter's father, took over as cashier.

"We're unique in the fact that under my father's management, our bank was the only bank in Scott County (out of 32) that survived the Depression without restrictions in withdrawals and without assessments to stockholders," he said.

"Our customers had a lot of faith in my father's ability and honesty and they relied on him to take care of their money."

Zach Suiter compounded that faith in 1935 by opening an office in LeClaire, called LeClaire State Bank. That same year Glen Suiter took over broom pushing and window washing at Farmers Savings.

Suiter finished tenth grade at Princeton High School and commuted to Davenport High School for grades 11 and 12. Eventually he attended Naval midshipman school at Plattsburgh, N.Y., and, at age 20,

received his commission in 1943 — the height of World War II.

Suiter was dispatched to the Pacific where he skippered a LCT carrier, a fitting occupation for a person related to three generations of riverboat pilots.

Suiter came home in 1946. His father was in poor health and able to work only part-time. Zach died two years later.

"It was very challenging," Suiter said. He was only 25 and had the full responsibility for overseeing both the Princeton and LeClaire offices. Farmers Savings had a vault with two small steel doors. Whenever Suiter felt overwhelmed, he would go sit in the vault for a few minutes.

He kept the bank growing in positive directions as his children, Steve, Jane, Sarah Dana-har and Anne Cherowitz, grew older. Their mother, Ruth Ann Suiter, died in 1968 and Suiter kept the children with him as much as possible at the bank. He married Jean (Daut) Suiter a few years later. She died in 2001.

"Probably the one thing I am quite proud of is that I was involved in the organization of the North Scott School District. I was the first board treasurer for the school district," he said.

The board renamed the two banks Great River Bank & Trust in 1996 and added the new Davenport headquarters in 2001.

"I still have an office in the Princeton branch and I plan to keep an office there as long as possible," Suiter said.

Gwen Wigley, who joined Great River in 1995 and is director of human resources, previously worked for a large Canadian bank. She appreciates the climate that Suiter has fostered at Great River. "Glen has dedicated his whole life to working in the bank and making a tremendous contribution toward the community," she said.

"What strikes me is his tremendous emphasis on customer service. He has made a family out of customers and people who deal with us."



Suiter



Address: Mississippi River

# Always on the shore, always serving catfish

By Bill Wundram  
ON THE RIVER

Come hell (a fire that destroyed the place) and high water (flood miseries), Kernan's hangs on in Princeton, Iowa, a consummate down-by-the-riverside restaurant.

Once, steamboats worked the channel within a stone's toss of the place; now there are the growling diesel tows that come so close to Kernan's that diners can wave to the pilot in the wheelhouse.

Late one sunless afternoon, I watched the Mississippi River while working over a specialty of the place: catfish. The waters were dull as a chalkboard when suddenly — through a long slit in the heavens — a wide slice of sunlight lit the Illinois shore across the way. Trees were still in Crayola colors. It was an exalted sight.

"I've seen the sun go down, but never anything quite like this," says Kevin Kernan, co-owner. "Look, the river is still gray, but the sun is shining in Illinois."

Kernan's celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, always on the river, always in the same place and — as expected — always serving catfish.

It began with George Beuse, a former Peter Pan bakery truck driver who had a yen to open a restaurant. His choice for a family eatery was an old landmark building that likely was one of the first built in Princeton when it became a town about 150 years ago. The Kernan family took over from Beuse, renaming it a supper club. A year later, bad luck struck. The old place burned to the foundation.

In its place, the family built the present building with one thing in mind — great views of the river from windows that make the waters appear to be lapsing at the feet of diners.

The Mississippi never freezes solid in front of Kernan's, making it an attraction for eagles. A giant cottonwood, which looks the girth of a redwood, is within touching distance (if you're on the outside deck) of a favored corner table of Kernan's.

"Eagles love to alight in that tree in the winter after diving for fish. Diners are close enough to look right into their eyes," Kevin says.

Summer is a buzzing time for Kernan's, which has a wide sweep of docks. It offers drive-up service for boaters. Life slows down in winter at Kernan's, but I've always enjoyed that season at the place. Much of the river is frozen into a white sheet, but flocks of ice drift by Kernan's to offer landing



Photos by Greg Boll/ON THE RIVER

In its 90 years, Kernan's has always been in the same location in Princeton, Iowa, on the Mississippi River.



The Princeton restaurant has always had a member of the Kernan family involved in the place. Decor is not loaded with riverboat kitsch; the emphasis is on the food.

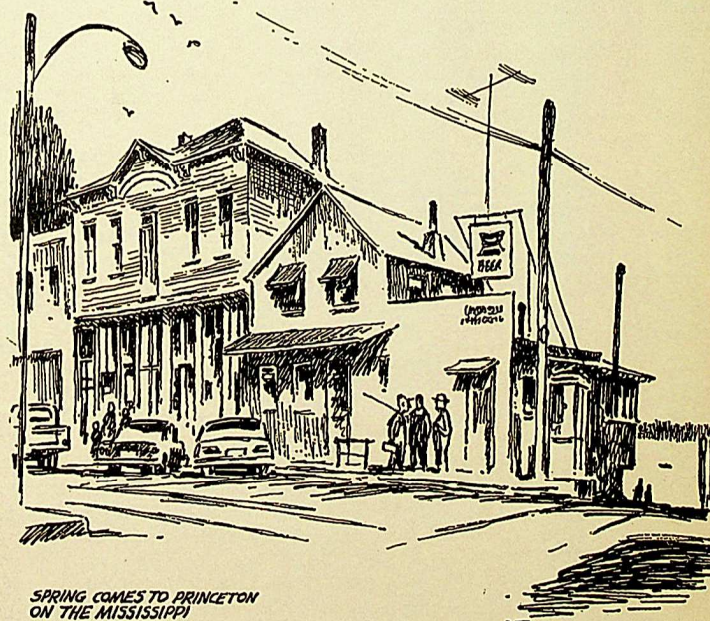
spots for eagles.

"There's always been a Kernan around this place," says Kevin, who is in partnership with Lonny Kirby.

The Princeton restaurant is not loaded with river gothic and such kitsch as plastic riveresque gee-gaws. There are Paul Norton prints of steamboats like the Delta Queen, W.J. Quinlan and Lone Star, but the emphasis is on food and views of the river.

Kernan's should have a new menu in print by the time you read this. It offers the full course, from burgers to prime rib to barbecue ribs. And, as expected, the *de rigueur* breaded or broiled catfish.

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DRAWING FROM DES MOINES REGISTER & TRIBUNE

A sketch of Kernan's before a fire destroyed the building.



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**Elda  
Morgan**



### **Elda Morgan**

Services for Elda Marie Morgan, 89, of LeClaire, were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19 at the Heesch Funeral Home, LeClaire. Burial was in Glendale Cemetery, LeClaire.

Mrs. Morgan died Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004, at the Riverview Manor Nursing Home, Pleasant Valley.

Elda Peitscher was born Aug. 12, 1914, in Princeton, the daughter of Edmond and Carolina (Kroeger) Peitscher. She married Charles "Chappy" Morgan on Sept. 29, 1934, in Galena, Ill. He died Nov. 23, 2001.

Prior to her marriage she taught school in the rural Princeton area. She and her husband owned and operated the Green Tree Grocery in LeClaire, later known as the Morgan's Superette for 42 years.

Mrs. Morgan was an active member of the Buffalo Bill Museum, the Echo Rebekah Lodge, and a former member of the Princeton Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Morgan enjoyed knitting, sewing and crocheting. She made neckties and sold them at the store with the proceeds going to the Buffalo Bill Museum. She also enjoyed playing the piano and organ.

Memorials may be made to the Princeton or LeClaire Presbyterian Church or the Buffalo Bill Museum in LeClaire.

Survivors include a daughter-in-law, Patricia and husband C.A. Ricketts, Bettendorf; a grandson, Brian Morgan, Princeton; and a great-grandson.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Ronald in 1968; grandsons, Jay and Kevin Morgan; and sisters, Ethel McConnell and Elma Elliott.



# Princeton churches plan social to benefit community center

Princeton-area churches are co-hosting an ice cream social to benefit Boll's Community Center.

The fund-raiser, hosted by Princeton Presbyterian Church and Zion Lutheran Church, will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Sept. 14 at the center, along River Drive in Princeton.

Baked goods will be provided by the congregations, and Hy-Vee Grocery Store in Bettendorf is donating the ice cream.

A free-will offering will be taken, with all monies collected benefiting the center. Thrivent, a Lutheran fraternal organization, will provide matching funds up to \$250, while Great River Bank & Trust will donate \$100.

"It's nice to see the churches and community working together," said Princeton Mayor Dan Dawson.

Anyone wanting more information may call Zion Lutheran Church at (563) 289-5566, Princeton Presbyterian Church at (563) 289-4585 or Joyce Lund Mears at (563) 289-3314.

## Riverssance is Sept. 20-21

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts will be held Saturday, Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Lindsay Park in the historic Village of East Davenport.

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## Churches to scoop up funds for community center

Princeton ministers, the Rev. Peter Sickels of Zion Lutheran Church, left, and the Rev. William Beattie of Princeton Presbyterian Church, help Hy-Vee marketing coordinator Debbie Geisler unload ice cream for a community ice cream social. Members of the two churches will be serving baked goods and ice cream from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, at the Boll Community Center in Princeton. A free-will offering will be accepted to benefit the community center. Thrivent, a Lutheran fraternal financial organization will match funds up to \$250, and Great River Bank, Princeton, is donating \$100.



# OBITUARIES

Ron Bosworth, 55

## 'Man of passions' loved to tell stories

By Ann McGlynn  
QUAD-CITY TIMES

Ron Bosworth was the keeper of the stories.

The stories were woven from family trips to the state capitals and national parks. They came from his kids' sports competitions. Friends provided lots of stories for Ron to tell. And ask his wife about the suitcases she took camping once - he loved to tell that story.

The 55-year-old man who loved the outdoors and lived along the Mississippi River in Princeton, Iowa, died suddenly Monday from a septic bacterial infection. His funeral will be today at 3 p.m. at McGinnis, Chambers & Sass Funeral Home, Bettendorf.

Sheila Bosworth now hopes that those who knew her husband will tell her stories about him.

"He had a great sense of humor," she said. "He loved to laugh at himself. He was the most selfless person you ever met. He was a man of passions too."

One of his passions led to the large annual Bald Eagle Days exhibition, Sheila said.

In 1990, her husband decided that something should be done to mark Earth Day. He placed a meeting advertisement in the newspaper. Forty people came to a meeting. They organized an Earth Day event at the QCCA Expo Center they hoped 3,000 people would attend. Ten thousand came.

The Earth Day event merged with a bald eagle event, Sheila said. The popular Bald Eagle Days environmental fair and wildlife expo is the result.

"Bos," as co-workers called him, was an active member of the Sierra Club and long-time Alcoa employee who was "highly regarded throughout the corporate system" for his safety knowledge, especially in the area of fall prevention, said Cindy McDermott, spokes-



Ron Bosworth

woman for Alcoa. He also was a leader in the company's efforts to reduce landfill waste by recycling or finding natural substitutions for a variety of chemicals.

Greg Guidebeck, who worked with Ron, said his friend was "so creative." Ron would listen to people and value their thoughts and ideas. One of his best skills was finding simple solutions to complex situations.

"He truly cared about the environment," Guidebeck said.

And with his work in the safety area, "there is no doubt in my mind he saved lives," he added.

"His work was so stellar," McDermott said, "that he had been recognized on several occasions with Alcoa Excellence awards."

His support of his family was stellar, too, Sheila said. He was known for yelling that support at the top of his lungs at sports competitions - even for athletes who were not his own. And when Sheila, known for environmental activism, had to be at a meeting, her husband always supported her. "His way of giving was staying home with the kids so I could go and do things," she said.

"He was so family oriented," she said. "We were always number one."

## Local residents honored for their volunteer efforts

ing with preschool children at Iowa East Central T.R.A.I.N.

Other Jefferson Award recipients honored included Bob Vogelbaugh of Moline - "Mr. Thanksgiving" - who has for years organized an annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the community and also volunteers with special needs students, and Genevieve Kennedy Rafferty of Rock Island, who has provided many years of community service in the social services field.

A local panel narrowed the nominations down to five local winners. The National Board of Selectors, which includes Hank Aaron, Laura Bush, Kirk Douglas and many other prominent citizens, then chose one of the five to represent the Quad Cities at the National Jefferson Awards Ceremonies in Washington, D.C. Rafferty has been chosen for that honor.

Five Quad-Cities area residents were recently honored by the American Institute for Public Service for their volunteer efforts within their communities.

David McLaughlin of Princeton, Jennifer Wader of Davenport, formerly of Park View, and Thomas Crisp, Park View, were among those presented with the Jefferson Award Medallion for "Outstanding Public Service Benefiting Local Communities." They were recognized during ceremonies held May 8 at the Fox 18 News Studio in Davenport.

McLaughlin was selected for his many years of community involvement in Princeton, including serving as mayor.

Wader, of Davenport, organizes an annual walk to benefit epilepsy research, raising money in memory of her son, Daniel Wader Jr., who died at age 3 of an epileptic seizure. Thomas Crisp earned kudos for volunteer-

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Elaine Schulz

## Elaine Schulz marks 80th birthday Jan. 13

Elaine Schulz of Princeton celebrated her 80th birthday on Jan. 13.

Elaine Hurl was born Jan. 13, 1924, in Davenport. She married Darb (Charles) Schulz on Sept. 6, 1947. He is deceased.

Her children are Jerry Schulz of Davenport, Jan Schulz of Bettendorf, and Sandra and Duane Schulz of Princeton. Her granddaughter is Angela Weirup.

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## *The Beast surfaces in Princeton, headed for Mississippi Valley Fair*

Drivers on Lost Grove Road in Princeton did a doubletake last week when this 150-foot-long monster made a brief appearance at the edge of town, and later, the big question on everybody's mind was, "What is John Bridges up to now?" Actually, Bridges, the longtime owner of Bridges Catering in Princeton, has a new business venture up his sleeve. He recently went into partnership with Dale Morris of Port Byron to purchase "The Beast," an inflatable funhouse maze that will soon be hitting fairs across the Midwest. "This is going to be one of the biggest things to hit the fair

circuit," said Bridges. The animal made its first public appearance last week on the outskirts of Princeton as Bridges set it up for the first time, and he'll soon be taking it on the road. However, it won't be seen again locally until it reappears at The Great Mississippi Valley Fair in Davenport in August. The Beast is 25 feet tall and 40 feet wide. Fairgoers will enter through the mouth and embark on a funfilled journey that will take them through the animal's intestines, past its beating heart and out the tail end.

NSP Photo by Scott Campbell



## June E. Dixon

PRINCETON, Iowa — June E. Dixon, 88, formerly of Princeton, Iowa, died Friday, Nov. 5, 2004, at the Riverview Manor Nursing Home in Pleasant Valley, Iowa. She was born on June 22, 1916, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the daughter of Daniel and Harriet



**Mrs. Dixon**

(Burlingame) Edwards. She married Lester Doyle who preceded her in death. June later married Faye A. Dixon on Oct. 27, 1982, in DeWitt, Iowa. He also in preceded her in death.

June had been employed at Bridges Trading Post in Princeton for 16 years retiring in 1980. June enjoyed sewing and loved to make rugs and quilts.

She is survived by daughters, Gloria (Steve) Paget, of LeClaire, Iowa, and Linda (Steve) Patterson, of Princeton; sons, Larry Doyle, of Follett, Richard Doyle, of Princeton, Donald (Lois) Doyle, of Conway, Mo., and Kenneth (Renee) Doyle, of Princeton; 20 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandson. She was preceded in death by her parents, 2 sisters, and a grandson.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at the **Heesch Funeral Home**, in LeClaire. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Monday before the service. Burial is at Clinton Lawn Cemetery in Clinton, Iowa. Memorials may be made to Riverview Manor Nursing Home or to the Rivers Edge Fellowship Church. Condolences may be expressed at

[www.heeschfuneralhome.com](http://www.heeschfuneralhome.com).

## LeClaire

### Dorothy M. Kernan

LeCLAIRE, Iowa — Funeral services and a Mass of Christian Burial celebrating the life of Dorothy M. Kernan will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 24, at Our Lady of the River Catholic Church in LeClaire, Iowa. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Davenport. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. today at **Halligan-McCabe-DeVries Funeral Home**, Davenport, with a prayer service at 4 p.m.

Mrs. Kernan, 92, a resident of LeClaire, died Monday, Sept. 20, 2004, at Genesis Medical Center-East Campus in Davenport after a brief illness.



**Mrs. Kernan**

Dorothy Mary Keefe was born Dec. 30, 1911, in Davenport, the daughter of Jeremiah and Mary Ann (Josinger) Keefe. She was united in marriage to Paul L. Kernan on June 30, 1934, at Holy Family Catholic Church. He preceded her in death Dec. 27, 1997.

She was a life member, and active parishioner, in prior years at Our Lady of the River Catholic Church. Being devoted to her family, Dorothy's greatest joy came from spending time with them, especially her grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to either, Our Lady of the River Catholic Church or Genesis Hospice.

Survivors include her daughters and sons-in-law, Marianne and Gene Weis, Bettendorf, Kathleen Stahle, Bettendorf, Rich Lassiter, Princeton, Iowa, Colleen and Rod Morthland, Princeton, Eileen and Don Sichter, Tucson, Ariz., and Patty and Brian Morgan, Princeton; sons and daughter-in-law, Michael and Suellen Kernan, Princeton, and Terry Kernan, Princeton; 24 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and sisters-in-law, Mary Lou Schultz and Phyllis Powers, both of Bettendorf, as well as Harriett Keefe, Davenport.

Her husband, parents, a son, Patrick, and a daughter, Margaret Mary Lassiter, as well as three brothers preceded her in death. May they rest in peace.

Online remembrances and condolences may be expressed by visiting Dorothy's obituary at [www.hmdfuneralhome.com](http://www.hmdfuneralhome.com).

## Princeton

### James Darnell

PRINCETON, Iowa — James W. Darnell, 51, of Princeton, Iowa, died Thursday, December 30, 2004, at Yava Pai Regional Medical Center, Prescott, Arizona, from complications of cancer.

Private services will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to a charity of your choice.

Those left to honor his memory include his wife, Sherri; daughter, Tiffany (Darrin) Moore; son, Christopher; stepdaughters, Kerry (Dave) Madden and Amy (Jeff) Schneeberger; stepson, James Klemme; grandchildren, J.J., Joe and Alexis Suiter, Jackson Klemme, and Camrine and Marra Moore; his mother, Laudis; twin brother, Joe (Mary); brothers, Scott (Pam) and George; sisters, Sarah Macht and Cindy (Bill) Denton; brother-in-law, Bob Maher III; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, father, and mother and father-in-law. May he rest in peace near (or on) a beautiful lake loaded with fish, surrounded by loved ones.

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## OBITUARIES

### Continued from Page C2 Leone Kosman

DAVENPORT — Leone V. Kosman, 79, of Country House Residence, in Davenport, formerly of 264 E. Manning, in Ottumwa, died Dec. 11, 2004, at the Genesis East Medical Center, in Davenport.

She was born Sept. 21, 1925, in Princeton, Iowa, to Henry and Selma Stadtmueller Boll. She married Donald Kosman Feb. 20, 1957. He



**Mrs. Kosman**

preceded her in death Sept. 26, 1989. A graduate of Clinton High School, she grew up in Princeton. She was an airline traffic controller for United Airlines in Portland, Ore. She returned home to Princeton to work in the family business, Boll General Merchandise. In 1957, she moved to Ottumwa working in the Auditor's Office at the Wapello County Courthouse, retiring after 20 years in 1992 as deputy auditor. She was a member of St. Mary of the Visitation and Altar and Rosary Society in Ottumwa.

Surviving are two sons, Gary (Terri) Kosman, of Davenport, and Greg Kosman, of Dallas Texas; two grandchildren, Lauren and Donovan Kosman.

She is preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Merlin Boll.

Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2004, at St. Mary of the Visitation, in Ottumwa, with Father Bernie Weir officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, in Ottumwa. Visitation will begin after 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, at the **Reece Funeral Home**, in Ottumwa, with a Christian Wake Service at 7 p.m. Tuesday. The family will be present from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Memorials may be made to the Heartland Humane Society P.O. Box 1146 Ottumwa, Iowa, 52501.



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**Evonda E. Enyeart**

PRINCETON, Iowa — Evonda E. Enyeart, 89, of Aurora, Colo., formerly of Princeton, died on Monday, Nov. 22, 2004, at St. Anthony Hospital-North, Westminster, Colo. She was born April 11, 1915, in Marceline, Mo., the daughter of Josephus and Flossie (Leffler) Hershey. Evonda married Russell J. Enyeart on March 1, 1942, in Marceline. He preceded her in death on Feb. 6, 2000. She graduated from the Northeast Missouri University in Kirksville in 1942 and then taught first grade for seven years in Marceline.

In 1946 she and her husband moved to Princeton, where they owned and operated the LeClaire-Princeton Telephone Exchange until 1967, when they sold the business to United Telephone Co.

Evonda was a member of Princeton Presbyterian Church and an auxiliary member of Gideons International.

Surviving are her daughter, Weeneja (David) Foster, of Englewood, Colo.; a son, Richard Enyeart, of Conroe, Texas; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. A younger sister, Twilafern (Joe) Watskey, of Licking, Mo., preceded her in death on Oct. 23, 2004.

Services were 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 29, at Princeton Presbyterian Church. Visitation was 2-5 p.m. Nov. 28, at Heesch Funeral Home in LeClaire. Burial was in Oakridge Cemetery, Princeton. Memorials may be made to Princeton Presbyterian Church or Gideons International, P.O. Box 2409, Davenport, IA 52809-2409.

**Wayne Youngers**

Services for Wayne E. Youngers, 77, of Princeton, were held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 16 at the Princeton Presbyterian Church with Rev. William Beattie officiating. Burial was in Glendale Cemetery, LeClaire, where the LeClaire American Legion conducted military services. The Heesch Funeral Home, LeClaire, was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Youngers died Monday, Dec. 13, 2004, at his home, after a determined fight with cancer.

Wayne Youngers was born July 22, 1927, in LeClaire, the son of Eugene and Ethyl (Morey) Youngers. He married Kathryn Holst on May 17, 1950, in LeClaire.

Mr. Youngers started a career as a watchmaker. He then became an agent and jobber in his own business with Standard Oil Co., supplying fuels and oils to residents and farmers in rural Scott County. He also had a longtime business making rubber stamps for people and businesses all across the country, as well as owning a business with his older brother, Don, selling camping trailers. After retiring and selling his Standard Oil business, he and his wife started and operated a popular family-style Maid-Rite and ice cream business and a mail-order business in Princeton.

Mr. Youngers joined the U.S. Army in 1946 for two years and proudly served part of his time in Osaka, Japan, during the U.S. occupation and reconstruction.

As a man whose life was deeply committed to his wife and family, Mr. Youngers made civic contributions as an assistant and then eventual town marshal and as a member of the Scott County Sheriff's Posse. He was a proud Masonic member of Snow Lodge #44 in LeClaire, the Kaaba Shrine, Mohassan Grotto, LeClaire American Legion Post, the Princeton Presbyterian Church, and the

Wayne E. Youngers



Princeton Volunteer Fire Department.

A strong and life-long passion he shared with his wife and family was his love for traveling and camping across this country in trailers and RVs as a member of Family Motor Coach and Great River Ramblers.

Beyond the full and active life he enjoyed, Mr. Youngers had a special love and place in his heart for his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, which gave him an extra breath of life whenever he shared time with them, especially during holidays, birthdays and special occasions.

Memorials may be made to the church.

Survivors include his wife; daughters, Trish and husband Marty O'Boyle, Eldridge, and Bonny and husband Jon Dittmer, LeClaire; a son, Keith, Princeton; grandchildren, Jesse, Darcy, Brandy, Joseph Wayne, Bobbi and Susan; five great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Marion Wafer, Davenport, and Patty Youngers, Bettendorf; and special friends, Keith and Marjorie Rynott, Davis, W.V.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Beulah Youngers; and brothers, Don and Dale.

Condolences may be expressed at [www.heeschfuneralhome.com](http://www.heeschfuneralhome.com)

**Kenneth Hoggard Sr.**

Services for Kenneth R. Hoggard Sr., 65, of Princeton, were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15 at McGinnis-Chambers Funeral Chapel, Bettendorf. Burial was in Oakridge Cemetery, Princeton.

Mr. Hoggard died Monday, Dec. 13, 2004, at Genesis Medical Center-East Campus, Davenport.

Kenneth Hoggard was born June 10, 1939, in Swifton, Ark., the son of Ernie and Viola

(Dawson) Hoggard. He married M. Sharon Hodge on Sept. 25, 1960, in Moline. He married Anna Lee Atwood on July 22, 1983, in Menahga, Minn. She died July 31, 1983. He married Becky Workman in Princeton on Aug. 22, 2002.

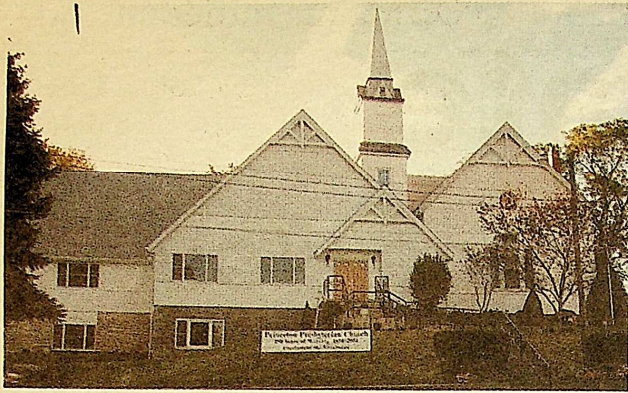
Mr. Hoggard had spent many years as a blacksmith and harness maker in Princeton. He also owned and operated Peak Carriage Company in Princeton.

Memorials may be made to the Princeton Lions Club.

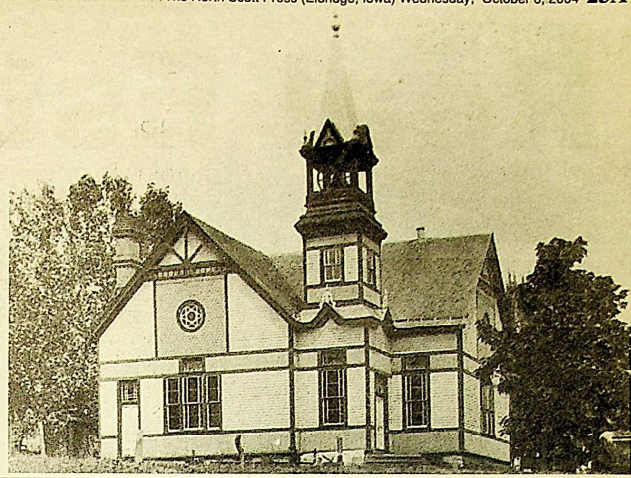
Survivors include a daughter and spouse, Lisa and Laura LaMarr, Elkhorn, Neb.; a son and spouse, Kenneth Jr. and Robin Swanson, Princeton; and two grandchildren.

In addition to his second wife, he was preceded in death by his parents, and a sister, Nina Stevens.





Princeton Presbyterian Church is observing its 150th anniversary this weekend with a special worship service and program. At right is the original 1856 church building, which later burned. The current church (above) was built in 1888 and has had several additions.  
NSP Photo by Brian Rathjen



# Princeton church notes 150th anniversary

## ■ Day-long celebration begins with Sunday morning service

By Brian Rathjen  
NSP Staff Writer

"Faith and dedication."  
Those are the virtues that Dorla Schroder says has helped Princeton Presbyterian Church persevere through 150 years of ministry in the northeastern Scott County community.

"We've had some rough times," the clerk and longtime member of the Princeton church said. "We've had these few that said we're going to stick together, no matter what. It was that trust."

On Sunday, the 100 members of the church, along with the Princeton community, will reflect on the church's service to the community during a special sesquicentennial celebration.

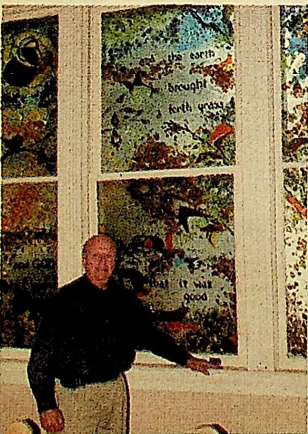
The day-long celebration begins with a 10:30 a.m. service at the church, 630 Third St., where four past pastors will join interim pastor, the Rev. Bill Beattie, in worship.

The Rev. Donald Gowan, pastor of the church from 1955-1959 and a retired professor of theology at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, will give the sermon, "A Song of the Church: God's Vineyard." Other pastors who have been invited are the Revs. Clint Patterson, Dennis Henn and David Strickland.

A catered dinner will begin at noon at the Princeton Community Center. A sesquicentennial program, including music and reflections from ministers and clergy, will be at 2 p.m. at the church.

Beattie and Schroder attribute the congregation's many years of ministry to faith and service.

"It's our commitment to Christ," said Schroder. "We're a very friendly church, and we share our joys and concerns."



The Rev. Bill Beattie has presided over church services since 2002. Here, he stands by the stained-glass windows which adorn the sanctuary.

"We're a very supportive community. We're helping others in their time of need," said Beattie. "I think that's the glue to what makes a church viable. We're supportive of and active in the community and church projects."

### 150 years of history

The origins of Princeton Presbyterian Church date to November 1854. Members from LeClaire Presbyterian Church organized the Princeton church to minister to their people in the area.

The first services took place Nov. 12, 1854, with the Rev. Hugh Hutchinson officiating. Of the 17 charter members — whose surnames included Beard, Culbertson, Gast, Knox, McCausland, Moyer, Porter and Sykes — none are believed to have descendants who are current members.

The Presbytery of Cedar officially recognized the Princeton congregation in 1856, and the first church was built later that year along Third Street for \$800. The church burned to the ground in 1888.

A new church building, which is still in use today, was erected in 1888 on the same site. Many modifications were made to the building through the years — a basement in 1922; rest rooms and kitchen facilities in 1956; an enlarged sanctuary in 1969; and a new fellowship hall, Sunday school and offices in 1979.

The church went through major turmoil in 1936, when the Rev. Verne Wortmann asked his congregation to withdraw from its synod and join a more fundamentalist branch of the Presbyterian Church. According to a history of the church, Wortmann accused the Presbyterian Church of the U.S.A. of being "too modern," and said that joining the new branch would allow members to "get back to the solid rock faith."

Members hastily agreed to join the new Presbytery, led by Dr. J. Gresham and the Rev. Carl McIntyre. But, the Presbyterian Church (USA) sued the Princeton church for the title to the church property. The Presbytery won, and Wortmann soon left the church.

The fallout resulted in a large majority of members to leave the church. Membership dwindled to a meager 12.

"We had these people that said, 'We're gonna stick together,'" said Schroder. "It was their faith and trust that pulled us through."

With the help of the Rev. R. Bruce West, the church began to rebuild its congregation. A new junior choir was formed, and in 1943, Mildred Porter became the church's first ordained woman elder.

The church's current manse was built in 1954, at a cost of \$10,000. Its first occupant was Gowan, who became the first resident full-time pastor.

During its first 90 years as a congregation, Princeton Presbyterian Church shared its ministry with LeClaire Presbyterian Church. The Princeton church yoked with Summit Presbyterian Church, rural LeClaire, from 1963 to 1970.

A new steeple went in place in 1992, replacing one that had been removed 40 years earlier. In 1993, the church welcomed the Pennsylvania Amish, who helped repair the

building's foundation, damaged by heavy rains.

### The church today

Princeton Presbyterian Church is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s Presbytery of East Iowa. The church's organizations include a choir, a bell choir, a Good News Club and a youth group.

The deacons are Merrill Boyle, Lenore Mess, Ronda Seim, Dorothy Thomas, Sherry Tobey and Glenn Underwood.

Educational programs include Church School for children and adults, plus other

adult courses. Lucky Star Preschool occupies a section of the church's basement during the week.

In the sesquicentennial program, Beattie thanked past members and others who made it possible for the church to celebrate its sesquicentennial.

"We receive, and pass the legacy on," he wrote. "May Paul's words (in Romans 15:13) to the church in Rome lead and inspire all of us. 'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.'"



Stacie Gaskin, Melissa Leonard, Brenda Warner  
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## Princeton church marks 150 years

Descendants pass  
Presbyterian faith  
from 1854 origins

By Mary Louise Speer  
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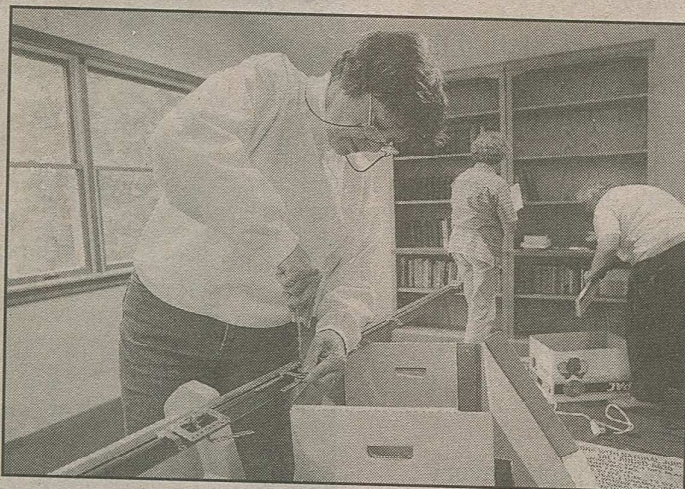
PRINCETON, Iowa — The white church spire of Princeton Presbyterian Church shows through the treetops inviting people to shake off the dust of the week and worship in the small church overlooking the Mississippi River.

Inside, the Sunday service led by the Rev. Bill Beattie, the interim pastor, is coming to a close and voices blend together in the final hymn. Their voices echo those songs and prayers offered by members since the church first was organized 150 years ago on Nov. 12, 1854 in Princeton, Iowa.

"Today in the service I felt a great faith had been worked out by having a church here on the prairie. We are recipients of the faith that has gone before and we plan to pass it on with the help of the Holy Spirit," Beattie tells the congregation.

Princeton was first settled by white settlers in 1836 and a Methodist circuit rider provided spiritual nourishment for the townsfolk according to information from the 1882 History of Scott County. But undoubtedly people traveling to LeClaire for Presbyterian services longed for their own church. Those hopes were realized in 1854 and the first pastor was the Rev. Hugh Hutchinson who died a year after beginning his service.

"I've been here in the church my entire life. My parents and grandparents worshiped here," said Doria Schroder who has occupied the roles of elder and deacon and now serves on the pastoral search committee.



Greg Boll/QUAD-CITY TIMES

**Princeton (Iowa) Presbyterian Church member Gwen Knollman adjusts hardware on a curtain rod while in the background Jane Underwood, left, and Doria Schroder, restocks bookcases that were moved during the church's remodeling. The congregation is celebrating its 150th birthday with special ceremonies Sunday.**

The first settlers were mostly farming people. The original church built in 1856 "was the center of their social activity, this was really the only social thing they had going," she said.

A fire demolished the first edifice in 1888 and the congregation authorized a new church (the current building) for \$3,000 on the same site, according to information from the church's history of 1976.

Those first members and their spiritual descendants learned that keeping a pastor was often a short-term venture for various reasons. Overall, most of the pastors stayed for short periods of time, ranging from a year to three years.

"We've probably had about a total of 50 years without a pastor. That's what's made this congregation so self-reliant and they would fill in when the regular pastor wasn't available," Schroder said.

The church's journey through

the 20th century propelled it over calm waters and shoals with the first wedding held in the church in 1930 and the congregation voting to leave the Presbyterian Church USA six years later. The church became independent of LeClaire in 1944 and constructed a new pastor's residence a decade later.

Older members still fondly remember the chicken suppers served during from 1917 through the mid-1950s. Church workers served 700 people at the last supper in 1955.

"I remember the Ladies' Aid meetings and they had chicken on biscuits and you could smell the coffee brewing," recalled lifelong member Glenn Underwood, who also helped with preparing the suppers. "I can remember the work back in the kitchen and sweating as I mashed potatoes."

He helped revive the custom a few years ago and chicken suppers are once again part of the

### IF YOU GO

The official 150th anniversary celebration of Princeton Presbyterian Church is taking place Sunday with a worship celebration at 10:30 a.m. led by elder Dean Siem. The 150th anniversary celebration is at 2 p.m. The program will include a performance by the bell choir and greetings from former pastors, the Revs. Clint Patterson, Dennis Henn, David Strickland and Don Gowan.

church's social nourishment.

Princeton Presbyterian underwent extensive renovations in 1969 with new pews added and the ceiling lowered in the sanctuary. The crowning touch of those renovations was the stained glass windows designed by Marycrest instructors Ann Opgenorth and Donna Marihart in the late 1960s. The creation scenes captured in each were created with embedded bits of cathedral slag and dalle-glasses and secured with acrylic and epoxy resins.

The artists depicted the creation of daylight in a Midwest farm scene with tractors and cattle and the creation of nighttime and water through images of riverboats and fish, said Lois Suiter O'Malley, a church member and retired professional decorator. She oversaw the decorating committee in charge of renovating the church in 1969.

The current membership includes about a hundred people, with many who are lifetime members.

"I've attended Sunday School right out of the chute," said Steve Suiter, a church elder. "I remember the time I became a member and I remember what I gave as reasons for becoming a member. It's been an integral part of my life for 50 years."

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The site of Princeton was one of three principal villages of the Fox Nation as noted in the journal of Zebulon M. Pike. The first permanent claimants to land in the township were Giles M. And Haswell H. Pinneo in the fall of 1835. The first settler was Daniel Hire, who settled about four miles from the river in 1837. Daniel also built the first wood frame house in 1837. Benjamin Pike opened the first store in the township in 1838. Benjamin Doolittle built the first ferry across the Wapsipinicon River between Davenport and Camanche in 1838. Jonas Barber built the first mill in 1838. Jacob Rose built the first distillery in 1838. The town and area was then known as Elizabeth City and Pinnacle Point.

The city of Princeton was laid out in 1852 and recorded in the same year. The first post office was built in 1841 and a Pinneo was appointed Postmaster. F.F. Pike built the first store in 1840 in town. First church services were: 1835 St. Henry's (Our Lady of the River) Catholic church, 1840 the Methodist and Presbyterian church, and 1852 "Old Brick" Salem Lutheran (Zion Lutheran) church.

The City was incorporated in January of 1857. In 1858 Samuel Porter was elected as the first mayor. The population at this time was 500. In 1860 the first rail service to Chicago was completed. 1872 saw the beginning of Independent Order of Oddfellows, Swan Lodge #234 and Rebekah, Echo Lodge #104. 1876 the Ancient Order of United Workmen, Andrew Lodge. 1906 Princeton Camp of Woodmen of the World. 1908 Home Guard Lodge #14. 1910 the first newspaper was founded and called The Princeton Review. 1922 Henry "Heinie" Boll started his store, Boll's, later run by his son, Merlin, till 1997 (the current Boll's Community Center). Later groups were Princeton Lions Club 1971, Princeton Days Committee 1976, and Princeton Trees Forever 1993.

1930's population was 373, 1950's 495, 1970's 633,  
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Gradeschoolers first attended a log cabin, later a converted barn, until a stone building was built in 1866. Virgil Grissom Grade School was built in..... 1967

Princeton has good boating, hunting and fishing, especially at the north end of town. Princeton is considered one of the best birding areas in the state of Iowa.

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## Leola Lundholm

Services for Leona "Lee" M. Lundholm, 93, of Princeton, will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 4 (today) at Our Savior Presbyterian Church, LeClaire, where she was a member. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Moline, Ill. McGinnis-Chambers Funeral Home, Bettendorf, is assisting to the family with arrangements.

Mrs. Lundholm died Saturday, April 30, 2005, at Trinity at Terrace Park, Bettendorf.

Leola Hamilton was born June 2, 1911, in Princeton, the daughter of Orlow and Clara (McConnell) Hamilton. She married Henry Lundholm in Moline in 1940. He died in 1985.

Mrs. Lundholm had been employed as a cashier at the former Eagle Supermarket in Moline for 12 years and had been employed in the circulation department of the Quad-City Times for five years. In earlier years she had taught school in a one-room school in Princeton for two years.

Mrs. Lundholm was a 50-year member of the Edith Cavell Circle of King's Daughters and a 50-year member of the Moline Women's Club.

Memorials may be made to the church.

Survivors include a son, Robert, Princeton; grandchildren, Susan Treacle, and Robert Lundholm; four great-grandchildren; and a brother, Warren Hamilton, Princeton.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, and a great-granddaughter, Heather, in 1996.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family by visiting the obituary at [www.McGinnis-Chambers.com](http://www.McGinnis-Chambers.com)

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## Berneice Fletcher notes 90<sup>th</sup> birthday May 19



Berneice  
Fletcher

Berneice Fletcher of Davenport will celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 19.

Berneice Fulton was born May 19, 1915, in Princeton, to Thomas and Anna Fulton. She married Vallie Fletcher on July 4, 1935, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. He died February of 2004. The couple farmed for many years near Princeton before retiring in LeClaire.

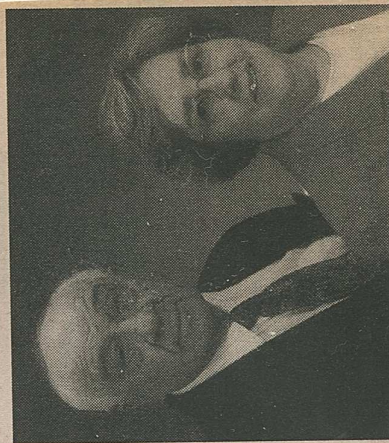
Her children are Roberta Garman, Fairport, N.Y.; Janet Munro, DeWitt; Tom and wife Lois, Bettendorf; Richard, Princeton; Gregory and wife Maureen, Galena, Ill.; and Gene and wife Brenda, St. Charles, Mo.

She has 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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## Irving celebrate 50 years of marriage

Mr. and Mrs. Don Irving of Princeton celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner. They are planning a trip to Branson, Mo., this fall.

LaVonne Parker and Mr. Irving were married July 10, 1953, at Newcomb Presbyterian Church in Davenport.

Mr. Irving farmed and was employed by

J.I. Case, Bettendorf, retiring in 1987. Mrs. Irving retired from Virgil Grissom Elementary School in Princeton in 1994 after 21 years.

Their children are Dave and wife Beth of Dixon, and Dennis and wife Tracey of LeClaire. Their grandchildren are Alyssa, Brett, Nicholas and Jessica.

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## Dining Along The River: Bridges Restaurant, Princeton, Iowa



Photos by Larry Fisher/ON THE RIVER

Diners can find a full plate at Princeton's Bridges Restaurant, which was re-opened last December by new owners Susan Culbreath and Kendrick Tyrrell.

# New owners serve up homestyle cooking

By Bill Wundram  
ON THE RIVER

**A**longside little Whiskey Run in 152-year-old Princeton, Iowa, the landmark Bridges Restaurant has been revived.

Whiskey Run is a creek-like waterway that flows a few feet deep when there is heavy runoff from snow and rain. Otherwise, it is little more than a trickle. It runs almost inside the place; it is that close.

Looking out the window of the restaurant, patrons can see it flowing by, in a sleepy sort of way, these spring runoff days. The name of Whiskey Run fits the terrain, because Bridges long ago was a bar where beer and liquor once flowed freely.

The place was built 66 years ago. John Bridges came along in 1965 to run a restaurant in the corner building at 402 River Dr. Now, Bridges is big-time in the catering business, and his former corner restaurant needed someone to again serve food to the public.

Late last year, Kendrick Tyrrell and Susan Culbreath responded. Both had prior restaurant experience in Colorado and New Mexico, and last December, they reopened the place on River Drive along the main drag of Princeton, which has 946 residents.

"This is a place where you can watch the river out our front window, and watch your food being prepared at the same time," Tyrrell says.

## IF YOU GO

**Where:** Bridges Restaurant is located at 402 River Dr. in Princeton, Iowa.

**When:** It is open from 4-9 p.m. daily and is closed Mondays.

**Menu:** The restaurant offers a full-service menu, as well as special menus for holidays.

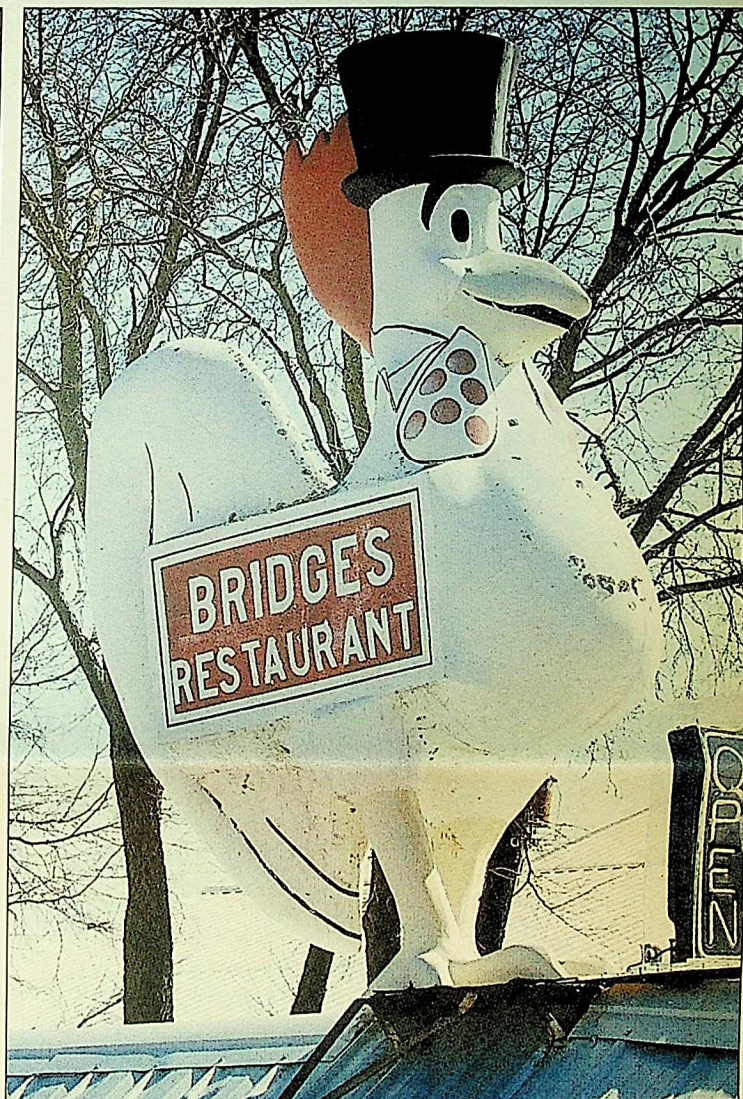
For more information, call (563) 289-2100.

There have been two recent owners before Tyrrell and Culbreath. One lasted only three weeks. "I'm hopeful that these two will make a go of the place; I'm confident," says John Bridges, who keeps a close eye on his old restaurant when he is not out catering an event.

It's been spiffed up, with nautical netting and ship-white walls. Pillars are wrapped with rope so diners can experience a harbor-like ambience.

Bridges is a landmark restaurant, and its symbol is the giant, top-hatted chicken on the roof. It has been there 40 years and can be seen up and down U.S. 67. Boaters can spot it from the Mississippi River, which is across the street.

"We serve food the old-time way," Tyrrell says. "We make everything from scratch, including desserts." The portions are big, and several of the items — especially chicken and potato "logs" — are Broasted, a trademark name that John Bridges has held since he opened



The chicken on the roof of Bridges Restaurant has been a landmark for 40 years. It can be seen up and down U.S. Highway 67 and by boaters along the Mississippi River, which is across the street.

the restaurant. Broasting is a formula that involves pressure cooking and deep-fat frying.

"We come to eat here all the time. You'll find the food is really great," says patron Dottie Morris. A group of 22 people recently dined there on Valentine's Day. That must have crowded the little restaurant, which can seat 40, but there is room for another 25 patrons in a back room.

The restaurant has a full-service menu, along with some items unlikely to be found in the Quad-City area.

"One of our most unusual is green chili," Culbreath says. "That chili is among our traditional South of the Border platters, like refried beans and Spanish rice. The main items, though,

are the kind that Mother used to make."

The new owners are looking forward to the upcoming boating season, when boaters can tie up across the street and place their orders.

There also is a wide deck, where summer diners can appreciate the Mississippi River and wave at the tows, which come unusually close because of the area's deep channel.

Bridges cannot be missed. Just watch for that big chicken on the roof.

It would seem that this new little river restaurant has a lot to offer. And though it is alongside Whiskey Run, it doesn't serve liquor.

Bill Wundram can be contacted at (563) 383-2249 or bwundram@qctimes.com.



7-0 to pass the district's budget.

Joe Hintze, the district's director of business affairs, noted revenues have been figured at \$29,934,662, and total expenditures at \$28,827,698. Total expenditures includes the general, management, activity, child care, Physical Plant and Equipment Levy, capital projects and debt service funds.

But the problem lies in the district's maximum spending authority for the general fund,

programs at current funding levels.

That means administrators are considering ways to cut \$750,000 from next year's budget. Officials want to stop using the district's cash reserve levy to fund routine expenses, while dealing with declining enrollment and reduced state aid.

The tax levy rate was set at \$15.14 per \$1,000 assessed value of property, which would allow the district to place \$275,000 into

Dose hinted at possible targeted areas during his superintendent's report.

For instance, some teachers may be reassigned to vacant positions in the junior high physical education and high school special education departments. This, he said, "would allow us to reduce some of our staffing lev

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## remembers pecial drawing

them both.

The credit union has a rotating gallery of artwork from North Scott students, not only displaying the pieces but having them framed as well.

North Scott senior Jamie Petersen spent about two months completing his largest art project ever in honor of his sister, Kaycee Jo, who was killed in a single-car accident just two weeks into the 2001-02 school year.

It's a striking, black-and-white image that draws the eye in and gives the viewer a glimpse of the life of a teen-aged girl. A large cross at the center of the drawing is wrapped in vines and detailed stargazer lilies — Kaycee Jo's favorite flower. On the right side of the cross, paws extended, is a tiger — her favorite animal.

Her bedroom in the Petersens' rural Long Grove home is "flooded" with tigers, according to Jamie. In fact, he says he believes it's possible that Kaycee Jo's love for animals might have contributed to the accident that took her life at age 16. It has been speculated that she might have swerved on St. Ann's Road to avoid an animal and wound up in a steep culvert.

Jamie was just a freshman in his first

**JAMIE**

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Princeton residents will soon discuss the future of the historic Boll's Community Center and ways to make the building financially feasible. NSP photo by Brian Rathjen

## Princeton to debate future of Boll's Community Center

■ Public meeting set  
for input on making it  
financially viable

By Brian Rathjen

NSP Staff Writer

It's been the site of a grocery store and, for the past eight years, a community center.

The Boll's Community Center, nestled along River Drive in Princeton, has been the site of wedding and graduation receptions, soup suppers and church events.

But what is the future of the landmark community center that has been the hub of the small Mississippi River town?

Mayor Keith Youngers is putting the rumors to rest. The turn-of-the-century building will remain a community center for the foreseeable future.

"We're not getting rid of the community

center," he said.

But, city officials are looking for ways to make the operation of the grocery store-turned-community center more feasible.

That's why a town meeting has been called for 7 p.m. April 20 at the community center to discuss its future.

City officials and others attending the meeting will discuss the building and ways to make it financially viable.

According to one estimate, receipts for July 1, 2004, to mid-March were \$1,435.

"It costs us, on average — without donations and memorials — about \$6,000 (per year) to operate," noted City Councilman Peter Wulf. "We've got to figure out a way to try to make up that difference."

Earlier this spring, the buzz around town was that Princeton officials were considering

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# Boll's: Mayor says building won't be sold

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moving the city's offices and council chambers to Boll's.

Youngers explained that city officials had appointed a five-member group to study ways to save the city money. Selling the building was initially listed as one of those options.

"I thought it was a good idea at first, but then they wouldn't be able to have any receptions in there that would be able to hold more than 150 people," he said. "We've got to keep that 150-plus people (capacity) in there."

While selling the building or redesignating its use is off the table, some residents have plenty of ideas for marketing the building.

Penelope Miller, a longtime city volunteer, is among those residents planning to share their ideas for the building's future.

"I see a city council as clueless," said Miller. "I never see them at Boll's. I don't see them as having any idea what Boll's function is or what it means to the community."

Steve Suiter, a member of the Princeton Lions Club and president of Great River Bank & Trust, believes the city has been lackadaisi-

cal in marketing the community center.

"What we have going on is that the city isn't marketing it," he said, noting that the building could easily draw \$5,000 a year if it were rented every weekend.

"They (city officials) don't have rates published, and they need to have a few ads in *The North Scott Press* from time to time," said Suiter, who also suggested printing a cellular phone number of a contact person on the door. "That way, someone who comes in and says, 'Oh, that's a nice building,' can have their questions answered right away. Or at least they could talk about rates or set up an appointment."

Other suggestions have included making rate cards available at area businesses and cleaning up the building's second floor. Doing the latter would allow more groups to rent the facility.

"Budget-wise, we're OK," said Youngers. "It's just that we've got to do something to get it back into the black, or close anyway. I definitely do not want to lose that building, but it needs some work."



Princeton Lions Club member Penelope Miller serves up a helping of soup during the organization's recent soup supper at Boll's Community Center.

NSP photo by Brian Rathje

## Art: Jamie prefers pictures with meaning



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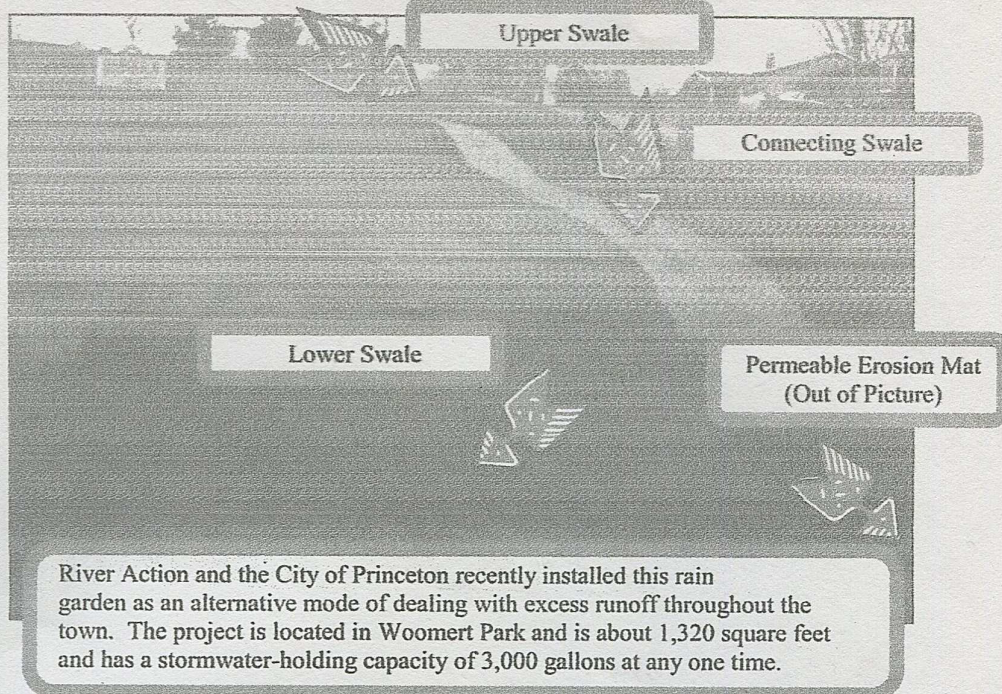
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Princeton

## Rain Garden Ready To Plant

River Action recently has teamed with a local landscape design firm to help reduce stormwater runoff and beautify a public park in Princeton, Iowa. Stormwater mitigation is an important topic in Princeton -- city officials desire an alternative model to deal with excess runoff throughout town, some of which has created problems for several properties immediately downhill from the park. Princeton is trying to lead by example and be good to their downhill neighbors.

The Princeton rain garden project is located in Woomert Park. It is approximately 1,320 square feet in size, and has a corresponding stormwater-holding capacity of 3,000 gallons at any one time. The project was approved by Princeton's city council late last year as a cost-effective method to reduce the stormwater

runoff that is generated by the park.

A common misconception is that planting "turf grass and petunias" in our collective neighborhoods and parks is sufficient to reduce large quantities of stormwater. The answer is 'no'. It's kind of like relying on a small band-aid to close a major gash. Long-rooted native plants -- with root depths of up to 15-20 feet -- are the key to absorbing excess water on our properties.

Aunt Rhodie's Landscaping & Design Studio designed and constructed the project, which consists of an upper and a lower rain garden connected to each other by a winding swale of native grasses. Each swale is slightly convex,

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"Everywhere water is a thing of beauty gleaming in the dew-drop, singing in the summer rain." John Ballantine Gough

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with a sub-base of thirsty compost to absorb stormwater. To complete the project, the native wildflowers and grasses will be planted by volunteers from Princeton around Earth Day this year. Anyone interested in volunteering for the planting may

contact Penne Miller at (563) 289-5666.

River Action and the City of Princeton will closely monitor the progress of the passive stormwater mitigation practices. Depending on the results, additional bioswale sys-

tems could be installed in other parts of town to solve similar problems.





## CiTy SHoRTS

### River Action

**The Iowa Department of Transportation has announced that 17 Iowa communities or not-for-profit organizations were awarded funds from the Keep Iowa Beautiful program.** Funding for this program is generated through Iowa's state-income-tax checkoff, and this is the third year for the program. **River Action received \$2,700,** which will be used to design a rain garden at Woomert Park in Princeton, Iowa. Rain gardens are simple, effective strategies for retaining and cleansing stormwater runoff. The project will beautify the area, but also will retain thousands of gallons of stormwater runoff each year - water that normally damages city streets and creates a nuisance for downhill properties. River Action's project is being installed with financial and volunteer assistance from the City of Princeton.

## Working for what's best for Princeton

### Editor:

I'd like to set straight, an article that was in your paper on April 13: "Princeton to debate future of Boll's Community Center," with a picture of me taken during a Lions Soup Supper on March 23.

The Lions are a non-political group and I was not representing the Lions when I said, over a phone interview several days later, "The current city council is clueless." It was as a private citizen that I was making a point! It was wrong to picture me at a Lions activity, even though I am the secretary of the Princeton Lions.

I am not running for office and am not really political, but I have been a city and county volunteer for over 35 years. I, also, am the town historian, chair the Princeton Park Board, am secretary of LeClaire and Princeton Elderly Housing, organize "Princeton Trees Forever," am a Princeton branch librarian and, in the past, was secretary and organizer of the Princeton Days Committee for 18 years, etc.

Truly, I just want what's best for "my" community.

-s- Penelope Miller

422 and 424 S. River Drive, Princeton

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### Vallie Fletcher

LECLAIRE, Iowa — Vallie T. Fletcher, 94, LeClaire died Thursday, Feb. 19, 2004, at Genesis Medical Center-West Campus, Davenport. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 23, 2004, at McGinnis-Chambers Funeral Chapel, Bettendorf.

Burial was in Salem Lutheran Cemetery, Princeton, Iowa. Memorials may be made to Boll's Community Center, Princeton or the LeClaire Civic Center.



Mr. Vallie

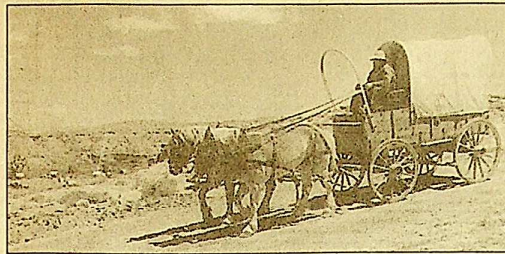
He was born Feb. 15, 1910, in Princeton, the son of Thomas and Maude (Porter) Fletcher. On July 4, 1935, he married Bernice E. Fulton in Nashua, Iowa.

Vallie farmed all of his life west of Princeton and also was a graduate of the Scoville Business College at Clinton, Iowa.

Survivors include his wife, Bernice; his daughters, Roberta Garman, of Fairport, N.Y., and Janet Munro, of DeWitt, Iowa; his sons and daughters-in-law, Tom and Lois Fletcher, of Bettendorf, Rich Fletcher, of Princeton, Greg and Maureen Fletcher, of DeWitt, and Gene and Brenda Fletcher of, St. Charles, Mo.; his grandchildren, K. C. Hildreth, Kristin Hildreth, Randy Munro and his wife, Deb, Trent Fletcher and his wife, Roxie, Kevin Fletcher, Jason Fletcher, Jeff Fletcher, Kellie Engen and her husband, Jon, Bob Fletcher, Andy Fletcher and Lizzie Fletcher; his great-grandchildren, Brent and Blake Munro, Rylyn and Teagan Fletcher and Hunter Fletcher; and his sister, Marie Carter, of Bettendorf.

Vallie was preceded in death by his grandson, Ryan, and by his brother, Irvin.





Kenneth Hoggard, on his way across Wyoming.

## BILL WUNDRAM

*'I love anything that  
has to do with horses'*

# Q-C harness maker is last of his kind

Night has crept quickly. By 5, it is nearly dark but there is a blazing sunset to silhouette a half-dozen horses on a hillside above Princeton, Iowa. They instinctively stare at the strange car. On a stick-straight road called Locust Street, my tires scrunch in a driveway's gravel.

It's a cool night. I ask for Kenneth Hoggard.

"Oh, Kenny, you'll find him out in the harness shop," I'm told. "It's right alongside the silo."

There sits Kenny, oblivious to the chill, intent on sewing a set of leather reins. He has cut his finger on a sharp knife.



Hoggard

There is blood on his hand, but he sloughs it off as nothing but a scratch.

He speaks with a thick, rich voice, saying that he is making harnesses, many for horses of the Amish who get from here to there in box-like black buggies.

**Harness making** is mostly Kenny's lot these days, but he is best remembered as the man in the tuxedo, holding the reins behind a deep sorrel horse pulling a white carriage.

Around the Quad-Cities, it often was Kenny and his spiffy white carriage that carried giggling brides and waving grooms from church to reception ... that took tourists on rides around Princeton for a look at the Big Miss ... that for years drove moms, dads and romantics for Christmasy downtown rides during Festival of Trees ... that carried celebs around the Q-C. He's hauled Santas quite a few dozen times. The only place he didn't like to drive his carriage was through Scott County Park. The deer out there spooked his horses.

But his carriage days, he sighs with a deep huff, are now mostly over. Maybe, completely over.

"I got a peg leg now, lost a leg. Diabetes, you know ... had five heart attacks. Driving my white carriage was always a big thing, but it's gotten rough on me. Maybe it's time to give up my white carriage and just settle down and make harness. I love doing anything that has to do with horses."

**Kenny moves** his heavy bulk slowly, helped by a cane and an artificial limb, from one archaic harness-making sewing machine to another. One can drive stitches through leather thicker than a man's hand. His shop even has an anvil. Over his shoulder leans a bigger than life cutout of John Wayne. Kenny offers that Duke was quite a guy, someone who liked horses. "Just like me," he says.

"I've mostly turned over the carriage business to my son, Kenny Jr. He handles the horses well but a man really has to love his horses." He speaks of them like a grandpa admiring his grandchildren. "There's Gator Ade, we've been together 21 years; and Rosie, Spud and Jake. I love them all."

There are few things that this husky man, of chiseled beard, hasn't done with horses. Among them is driving a covered wagon or stagecoach in a caravan across Wyoming for the state's centennial 13 years ago. "That was quite a trip, took five weeks; did it like they did when there were outlaws and Indians around."

**It's supper time**, but Kenny keeps working the leather, now often really plastic, into harnesses. There are hames and crown latches and shining racks of thousands of pieces of hardware and harness gear all around. He laughs when called one of the last of his kind. Once, Davenport had 28 harness makers; now, there is not a listing for a single one in the telephone book.

Kenny turns back to his old commercial Singer sewing machine, wrapping his cut in a white handkerchief. He is working on a hipstrap. He repeats:

"I love doing anything that has to do with horses."



a.m. Thursday, December 16, at the Princeton Presbyterian Church with Rev. William Beattie officiating. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. today at the Heesch Funeral Home in LeClaire, Iowa, with Snow Lodge 44 AF & AM of LeClaire conducting Masonic services. Burial will be in Glendale Cemetery, LeClaire, where the LeClaire American Legion will conduct military services. Memorials may be made to the Princeton Presbyterian Church.

Wayne was born July 22, 1927, in LeClaire, the second son of Eugene and Ethyl (Morey) Youngers. He married Kathryn Holst on May 17, 1950, in LeClaire, and together the marriage was blessed with three children.

Wayne grew up in LeClaire and graduated from LeClaire High School. He joined the U.S. Army in 1946 for two years and proudly served part of his time in Osaka, Japan, during the U.S. occupation and reconstruction. He attended and graduated from Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois, after which he started a career as a watchmaker. Wayne then became an Agent and Jobber in his own business, with Standard Oil Co., supplying fuels and oils to residents and farmers in rural Scott County. He also had a longtime business making rubber stamps for people and business all across this country, as well as owning a business with his older brother, Don, selling camping trailers. After retiring and selling his Standard Oil business, he and his wife, Kay, started and operated a popular family style Maid-Rite and ice cream business and a mail order business in Princeton.

As a man whose life was deeply committed to his wife and family, Wayne made civic contributions as an assistant and then eventual Town Marshal and as a member of the Scott County Sheriff's Posse. He was a proud Masonic member of Snow Lodge 44 in LeClaire, the Kaaba Shrine, Mohassan Grotto, LeClaire American Legion Post, the Princeton Presbyterian Church, and the Princeton Volunteer Fire Department. A strong and life long passion, he shared with his wife and family was his love for traveling and camping across this country in trailers and RVs as a member of Family Motor Coach and Great River Ramblers.

Beyond the full and active life he enjoyed, Wayne had a special love and place in his heart for his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, which gave him an extra breath of life whenever he shared time with them, especially during holidays, birthdays, and special occasions.

Survivors include his wife, Kay, of Princeton; daughters and sons-in-law, Trish and Marty O'Boyle, of Eldridge, Iowa, and Bonny and Jon Dittmer of LeClaire; a son, Keith Youngers, Mayor of Princeton; grandchildren, Jesse, Darcy, Brandy, Joseph Wayne, Bobbi and Susan; great-grandchildren, Jonathan, Joseph, Tyler, Jordon, and Kelly, with Abby soon to arrive; sister-in-laws, Marion (Tom) Wafer, of Davenport, and Patty Youngers, of Bettendorf; and very special friends, Keith and Marjorie Rynott, of Davis, West Virginia.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Don and Dale, and a sister, Beulah Youngers.

Condolences may be expressed at [www.heeschfuneralhome.com](http://www.heeschfuneralhome.com).

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## Princeton

### Wayne E. Youngers

PRINCETON, Iowa — Wayne E. Youngers, 77, of Princeton, Iowa, chose to accept his next life and died at his home with his family on December 13, 2004, after a determined fight with cancer. Services to celebrate his love of life and family will be 10



Mr. Youngers

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## Princeton

### Kenneth R. Hoggard Sr.

PRINCETON, Iowa — Kenneth R. Hoggard Sr., 65, a resident of Princeton, Iowa, died Monday, Dec. 13, 2004, at Genesis Medical Center- East Campus, in Davenport.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, at the McGinnis-Chambers Funeral Chapel, Bettendorf. Burial will be in Oakridge Cemetery, Princeton.



Mr. Hoggard

After the funeral procession arrives in Princeton, his casket will be transferred to a horse-drawn wagon and taken to the cemetery by his former team of horses, Bess and Jake. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Princeton Lions Club.

He was born June 10, 1939, in Swifton, Ark., the son of Ernie and Viola (Dawson) Hoggard. He married M. Sharon Hodge on Sept. 25, 1960, in Moline. He later married Anna Lee Atwood on July 22, 1983, in Menahga, Minn. She preceded him in death on July 31, 1983. He later married Becky Workman in Princeton on Aug. 22, 2002. Kenneth retired from the Iowa/Illinois Gas and Electric Company where he was employed as a pipe welder. His real love was horses and he spent many years as a blacksmith and harness maker in Pleasant Valley and Princeton. In addition, he owned and operated Peak Carriage Company in Princeton. Countless weddings and other special occasions were led by Ken and his team in and around the Quad-City area. He loved caring for his horses, working around his home and was always occupied building or fixing something. Kenneth was a veteran of the United States Army.

Those left to honor his memory include his daughter and her spouse, Lisa and Laura LaMarr, of Elkhorn, Neb.; his son and his spouse, Kenneth Hoggard Jr. and Robin Swanson, of Princeton; and his grandchildren, Bailey Kelley and Merideth Hoggard.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Nina Stevens, and by his parents. Condolences may be expressed to the family by visiting his obituary at [www.McGinnis-Chambers.com](http://www.McGinnis-Chambers.com).



Larry Fisher/QUAD-CITY TIMES

Bix bundled up in Hawkeye colors.

## BILL WUNDRAM

## Signs of the season ...

AT 8 a.m. yesterday, the wind chill was about 2 below in shivery/sunny downtown Davenport. The hearts of drivers along River Drive were warmed to notice that Bix had been all bundled up again! A kindly gesture. Quad-Citizens are thoughtful about such things.

During the night, when it was about zero-chill, unknown folks took pity on the bronze of our golden boy. His chops must have been shivering in Beiderbecke Plaza at East 4th Street and River Drive. Unknowns sneaked up and stuck a stocking cap over his ears. Too, they wrapped a warm muffler around his neck. No one fesses up to seeing them, but Bix must be warmer and happier. The cap and muffler, which look spanking new, are in the black and gold of the Iowa Hawkeyes. Go, Hawks!

Last year, Bix's bronze neighbors in the plaza — marathoners and Bix faithfuls Bill Rodgers and Joan Benoit Samuelson — also were wrapped in warmth for the winter by mysterious benefactors. Will those two runners be the next to get mufflers?

I have a sneaking idea of the names of those benevolent culprits, but I shall never tell unless they wish me to do so. This, for certain; it is not Ed Froehlich, the grand guru of the *Quad-City Times* Bix 7.

### Say that again!

While signing a pair of Finnius books, one was for Graham — as in cracker — and the other for Brie, as in cheese.

Grandma, who was buying the books at Wallace's, piped up: "How about mom and dad naming the next one Merlot?"

ONE LITTLE sweetheart, about 2 years old, was on the table while we signed books. He was anxious to grab the little elephant book and scooted to us. His mother explained: "He's going to Shrine Hospitals in Chicago next week. You see, he was born with his knees backward. He doesn't know what it is to walk."

### C'mon! Jesus, Swedish?

Heard Sunday by Dave Peterson, Woodhull, Ill., on the Lutheran Hour; WGN ...

A boy comes home from Sunday school. His mother asks what he learned in class and the little nipper proudly replies: "I found out that Jesus is Swedish."

The shocked mother asks, "How did you find that out?"

The little boy answers, "We sang a song about it."

The puzzled mom says, "Sing it to me."

He sings, "Away in a manger, no crib for a bed. The little Lord Jesus lay down his Swede head."

### Holiday stuff that lasts ...

CLAPPER COMMERCIAL, which has the happy old grandma clapping off the telly while she's bundled in the covers.

SOUND OF THE SEASON that never goes away, "Ch-ch-chi-Chia."

### Kenny's last ride — from hearse to horse barn

It will be, this morning, as Kenny Hoggard wished it... Kenny, of Princeton, Iowa, loved horses and carriages. He held the reins of his team for moms, dads, kids and romantics on downtown rides during Festival of Trees. He had hauled Santas a few dozen times and hundreds of brides and grooms in his handsome white carriage.

Kenny, harnessmaker and horseman, died Monday. "Dad always told me that he wanted to go behind his team," said his son, Kenny Jr. The hearse from McGinnis, Chambers & Sass will leave the Bettendorf funeral home and go to Kenny's horse barn. There, his favorite team, Bess and Jake, will be hitched to a carriage. The casket will be taken from the hearse and placed in the carriage for the rest of the ride ... to Oak Ridge Cemetery in Princeton.

SAD ADDENDUM: It would seem appropriate, I suppose, that Jimmy Hulke would die during the holiday season. Jimmy was buried at Davenport Memorial Park, the place where for decades he would string the tens of thousands of Christmas lights for one of America's major outdoor lighting displays. Too bad they don't do that anymore.



# Success stories



3839 Tanglewood Road, Bettendorf, Iowa  
563-332-9057



Lawns Unlimited, owned and operated by Marty and Cyndi Diercks, offers a wide variety of lawn and landscaping items to suit every customers' needs. These include trees, shrubs and other plants to give a home or business that perfect touch.

By Brian Rathjen  
NSP Staff Writer

Like many other landscapers, Marty and Cyndi Diercks admit they enjoy being able to view their work years after completing a landscaping job.

It could be as simple as planting an evergreen in the front yard of a home and returning later to see how the tree has grown.

It could be as complex as landscaping the corporate offices of a real estate firm with hedges and other modern touches.

"What got us started in the landscaping business is there's nothing more exciting than to see your work," said Cyndi. "It's fun to go back and see that tree you planted mature."

"It's also fun to go back and add things to a job you completed," she continued. "A lot of times, when people get into a new house, they'll want something nice, and then we'll go back and add different aspects to the plan."

The Dierckses — owners of Lawns Unlimited, 3839 Tanglewood Road, Bettendorf — have completed many jobs during the past 25 years. From landscaping entire neighborhoods to completing that perfect entryway of businesses, the Princeton couple have remained very busy with the lawn and landscaping business.

At the crux of their success lies commitment to quality and guaranteeing their work.

"We're known for our service and that's why the builders go with us," she said. "A lot of landscapers have all these stipulations" so they don't have to guarantee their work.

"We guarantee our plant material for one year," she said. "If there's a problem, we'll replace it."

Lawns Unlimited provides a wide range of services. Just a short list is quite impressive: landscape design and installation, fertilization, lawn care, irrigation, installation of retaining walls and hydroseeding.

The Dierckses also handle tiling, drainage issues and installing landscaping ponds. The business also works with Blue Water Pool and Swim Spas to install and position swimming pools.

In addition, Lawns Unlimited operates a retail nursery. Some of the wares include plant material, shrubs, trees, mulch and perennials.

Trees range in size from 1- to 10-inch caliper, and include shade and ornamental varieties. The business owns the largest tree spade in Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin, allowing workers to move a 10-inch caliper tree if needed.

"We love what we do because this is a family activity," she said, referring to the couple's three children — sons Bret and Chase, and daughter Taylor.

Lawns Unlimited is a family-oriented business. Either Marty, Cyndi or oldest son, Bret, supervise a job and assist with the set-up.

Bret, who specializes in landscape design, oversees the couple's Iowa City store and manages the crew in the Iowa City-Cedar Rapids area. Taylor is a landscaping architecture major, while Chase helps with moving and loading mulch.

The main thrust of Lawns Unlimited's business in northern Scott County involves residential landscaping. The Dierckses have worked with developers Bill Wilford, Terry Knutsen and others.

Lawns Unlimited was also responsible for

commercial landscaping projects in the area, such as Lancers Family Restaurant/Happy Joe's and the strip mall containing First Central State Bank.

While many jobs involve new construction, satisfied customers often invite the Dierckses back to remodel old landscaping jobs. For instance, officials with Mel Foster Co.'s corporate office in Davenport replaced a row of hedges with a modern berm and a row of ornamental trees.

"It's cool to get to go back and do fun things," said Cyndi.

The Dierckses have also pioneered new concepts in such areas as mixing wildflowers. Users of the bicycle path in Bettendorf have enjoyed a mix of cosmos, black-eyed Susans and other varieties for several years, thanks to Cyndi's efforts.

"We're one of the few landscapers in the industry to figure out the secret of making it last year after year," she said.

## Fast Facts

- ✓ **Business name:** Lawns Unlimited
- ✓ **Address:** 3839 Tanglewood Rd., Bettendorf
- ✓ **Telephone number:** (563) 332-9057
- ✓ **Fax:** (563) 332-6586
- ✓ **E-mail:** fyrefl144@aol.com
- ✓ **Owners:** Marty and Cyndi Diercks.
- ✓ **Business basics:** Opened in 1980, the lawn and landscaping business provides services ranging from fertilization and weed control to landscaping, hydroseeding and irrigation. The business also operates a cash-and-carry nursery.
- ✓ **Mission statement:** "We'll keep working until you are satisfied."



**To: Members of the City Council of Princeton, Iowa; meeting March 9, 2005**

**Re: Save Boll's**

Boll's Community Center resides at the center of our church's celebrations, coming in a close second to the sanctuary itself. When I was received into the congregation as the new pastor in January 2003, my reception was at Boll's, and I felt not only part of the church but symbolically as part of the town as well.

Since then our congregation has used Boll's for receptions, dinners, parties, and fundraisers of all kinds, not only for the church but also for the community. It would not be too much of a stretch to say that the vital community life in Princeton revolves around Boll's, and I believe a properly planned Center can play an even greater role in the future.

I support efforts to examine the full utilization of the facility including the renovation of the upstairs for a variety of activities. As much space as possible should be kept open for dinners and dances, and it could be decorated as a lovely banquet/reception hall. The windows are magnificent, and the stage and loft very attractive as well. I believe the planners should do a careful marketing survey to discover the prices that could be charged to maintain a high use of the renovated center. One of our church members knows the regional representative for Kone elevator and has offered to contact him for suggestions to make the second floor more accessible. Another member of our church has drawn up redesigned stairs to the second floor and basement/lower level to make them safer and more attractive.

Part of the plan for the future of Boll's should include use all three floors as a possible youth center for meetings, indoor sports and concerts. Our church youth band uses the basement after the morning church service, and we appreciate this for a "home away from home" where we can make plenty of noise/music without interfering with Sunday school back at church. We want to paint the basement with more color and design, in good taste, of course.

I hope you sense my sincere support and desire to be a part of the new life and vision for Boll's as well as the city of Princeton. Please feel free to contact me regarding any further assistance I may provide. May God bless our efforts.

Faithfully yours,

The Rev. Peter L. Sickels  
Pastor, Zion Lutheran (ELCA)  
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# HOMETOWNS

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About 30 volunteers converged on Harold B. Woomert Park last weekend to plant a rain garden to control stormwater running down a hill at the park in Princeton, Iowa. Students who showed up to help with the planting included, from left Erin

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## AROUND TOWN

### Davenport

#### Jaycees donate funds for ball diamond

A Little League T-ball diamond built with a \$10,000 donation by Davenport Jaycees will be dedicated today.

The grand opening day and field dedication of Jaycees Field will be at 5:25 p.m. at 7000 Division St., Davenport. City and parks officials, Jaycees and North Little League players and parents will be at the dedication.

The Jaycees made the donation with proceeds from the 2005 Bridal Expo after learning that the 5- to 8-year-old T-ball players were playing ball on the grass. The North Little League used the funds to build the T-ball diamond.

### Davenport

#### Democracy Institute to



# Princeton's new garden may ease drainage, create beauty

Bioswale designed to cut down water runoff in town

By Mary Louise Speer  
QUAD-CITY TIMES

PRINCETON, Iowa — Princeton's Harold B. Woomert Park features a new rain garden with prairie flowers and grasses and ornamental shrubs for visitors to view.

And city officials of the river town hope the new garden, also called a bioswale, will help cut down on much of the stormwater runoff washing down Chestnut Street after heavy downpours.

Bioswales and rain gardens serve a dual purpose of retaining and cleansing stormwater, said Brian Fellows, program manager for River Action Inc. River Action's Retain the Rain program helps educate people about stormwater runoff and its damaging effects.

"The site probably holds 3,000 gallons of water at any one time. The swale helps cleanse the water runoff so the water that goes into the water table and river is cleaner," he said.

The garden is shaped like a



Park board member Diane Seitz digs a hole for a plant at the rain garden in Princeton, Iowa.

long arm, with a collection pool at either end. On Saturday, about 30 volunteers made quick work of planting 1,200 bushes, cone flowers, black-eyed susans, sedges and little bluestem prairie grass in the garden.

Staff from Aunt Rhodies design studio and nursery in Davenport designed the garden and helped oversee the project, he said.

The City of Princeton was experiencing heavy drainage problems in that area, with the soil just whooshing out, said Penne Miller, chairwoman of

the Princeton Park Committee.

She wondered how many volunteers would actually show up to help plant. But 15 minutes after starting at 9 a.m., she was busy directing people where to work.

"One mom apologized for bringing a 3-year-old," she said. But the girl got involved by collecting the empty flower pots. "She gathered all the containers for us. She was walking around with all those pots so proudly."

Teens from North Scott High School tackled the shrubs, and girls from the Princeton Girls

Club used their gardening know-how while weeding, planting, watering and assisting with cleanup.

The garden "will be beautiful in a couple of years, and I hope everyone enjoys it," group leader Sandy Beitzel said. Her daughters, Samantha, 12, and Taylor, 10, and five other club members shared their knowledge of knowing how deep to plant the trees and add mulch.

"We have a true love of planting, and they were filthy when they were done," Beitzel said. "I think they were excited to know they could plant all the plants in a day."

Miller was pleased with the strong turnout. "The kids impressed me," she said. "My proudest moment was not having to do it myself."

She hopes to tackle another landscaping project soon and plant wildflowers along a stretch of U.S. 67 in Princeton.

Money for the \$15,000 rain garden came from the City of Princeton and a River Action grant, Miller said.

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Book Discussion and Dinner will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. today at Hickory Garden Family Restaurant, 3311 Hickory Grove Road, Davenport.

The group will discuss Daniel Yankelovich's "Coming to Public Judgment: Making Democracy Work in a Complex World." Democracy for the Quad-Cities will gather immediately afterward.

## Davenport

### Memorial service planned for officers

A memorial service to honor local law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty will be held at 8 a.m. Saturday at New Life Church, 1107 Wisconsin Ave., Davenport.

A procession will leave the church about 9 a.m. and drive to the Rock Island County Justice Center.

## Davenport

### Schuetzen Park open

The Schuetzen Park Historic Site at 700 Waverly Road in west Davenport is open for the season.

The site has significant historical and natural elements, including its previous use as a target range and an amusement park. The Quad-Cities' only remaining trolley car pavilion also still stands on the site.

For more information





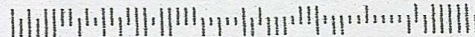
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Jeff Wallach, What the River Says

## River Updates

### Princeton stormwater project receives Keep Iowa Beautiful award

In late 2004 River Action and Princeton agreed to partner on a stormwater mitigation project in Woomert Park. The partners hired Aunt Rhodie's Landscaping & Design Studio which designed and excavated two rain garden swales connected by a swale of prairie grasses. The three swales have the capacity to hold 3,400 gallons of stormwater at any one time. On April 29, Jerry Schneff from Keep Iowa Beautiful presented River Action with a check for \$2,700 for the construction and planting of the project. The project was planted on April 30 by volunteers from Princeton.

### River Action helps the Village of Rapids City reduce its stormwater runoff

On June 4 volunteers from the Village of Rapids City, Illinois, will plant prairie flowers in their newly created 'eco-swale.' River Action teamed with the Village in an effort to reduce excess storm water that

is created by the Village Hall and its parking lot. The overall project was designed by Flenker Land Architecture Consultants and will consist of a swath of restored shortgrass prairie on the uphill side of the property and the eco-swale on the downhill side. Together they hold 25,000 gallons of storm water. The Village still needs some volunteers to help plant the eco-swale. The planting event will be held on Saturday, June 4 at 9:00am. In the event of rain, the event will be rescheduled for Sunday, June 5 at 1:00pm. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Emilie Price at (309) 496-2321.

### Cordova Library Parking Lot

The Cordova Library Board has approved a plan to reduce stormwater runoff from its site with a 90 square foot bioswale and a 70-foot x 2-foot strip of permeable paving. River Action and the Library Board will share the costs of the project. The two mitigation devices, designed by Aunt Rhodie's Landscaping & Design Studio,

will cleanse and temporarily hold a minimum of 1,000 gallons of excess storm water at any one time. The project is scheduled to be constructed later this month. The Library Board is interested in installing additional storm water mitigation options in future phases and conducting education programs.

### LeClaire Permeable Parking Lot

In a continuing effort to reduce stormwater runoff, the City of LeClaire is installing permeable parking as part of its levee improvement River Action will provide funding to install a permeable paving project. Conservation Design Forum's final design consists of approximately 5,500 square feet of permeable paving which will have the capacity to hold approximately 13,000 gallons of storm water at any one time. River Action and the City of LeClaire are sharing the costs of the project - River Action contributing \$45,000, LeClaire paying \$22,500. Completion is expected by October 15.



# Workshop & planting of Woomert Park Raingarden

APRIL 16, 2005

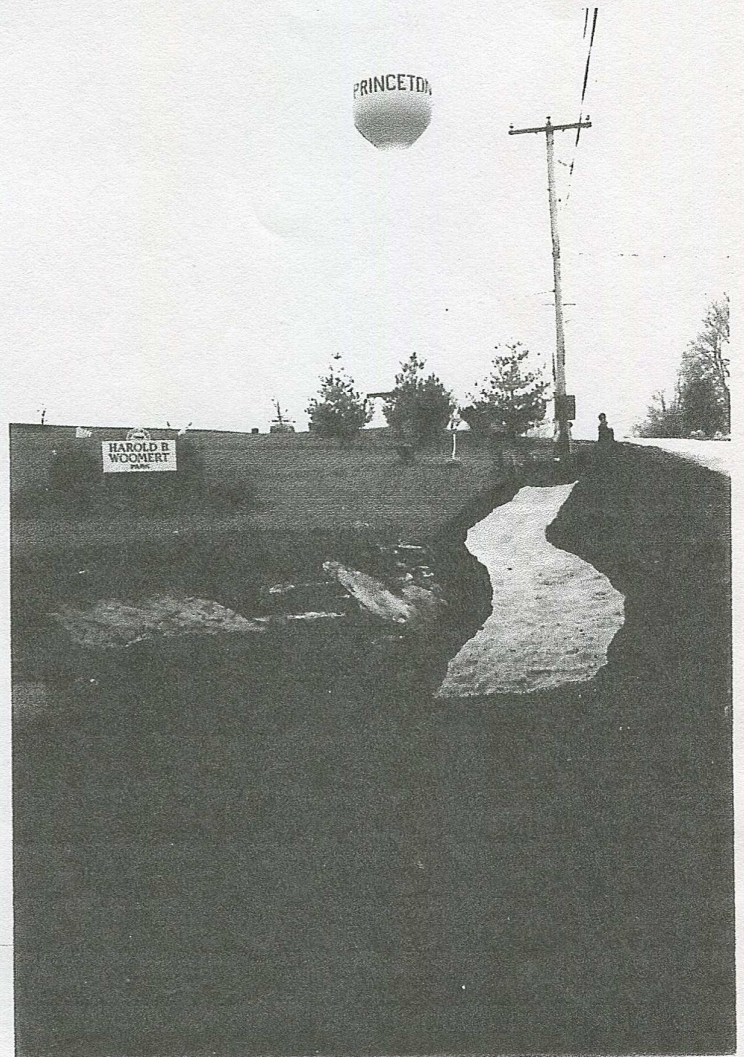
## Workshop and information about Raingarden

10:00-11:30 a.m. at Woomert Park Pavillion  
Penne Miller will have information on planting.  
A landscape architect from Aunt Rhodies will give  
A brief discussion & answer questions.  
All ages are invited to attend. This will be a community project!

APRIL 30, 2005

WE WILL BE PLANTING THE RAINGARDEN..  
BRING HAND TOOLS, SHOVELS, ETC.  
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.  
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# Princeton residents rally around Boll's

## ■ Group says community center needs to be marketed

By Brian Rathjen  
NSP Staff Writer

Boll's Community Center is a vital part of the Princeton community that is not being marketed well enough, and something needs to be done about it.

That was the underlying theme of a special town meeting Wednesday, April 20, to discuss the future of the landmark grocery store-turned-community center.

More than 50 residents gathered to voice their opinions on marketing the facility, renovating areas of the building and helping to pay off bonds for the original 1998 renovation.

The building has since been used for receptions, funeral luncheons and other social gatherings.

Residents in the Mississippi River town became concerned following rumors that city leaders were planning to sell the building following a state audit that found costs to maintain Boll's to be "excessive."

Princeton officials later assured residents that selling the building was not an option.

"This is a fabulous facility, and it hasn't been marketed," said Ann Geiger, a volunteer who has been involved with several projects. "There needs to be a little marketing, and it doesn't cost that much to do. If you just redirect it and everyone starts talking about it ... we'll all be better off."

No decisions were made at the town meeting, but Youngers did say additional meetings are planned about the issue.

### Committee formed

Earlier this year, Princeton Mayor Keith Youngers appointed a five-member commit-

tee. City Council member Kevin Kernan, and residents Aaron Gray, Roger Meachum, Doug Steen and Mike Talbot.

In his remarks, Youngers said the committee found that only one third of the building has been completed and is being used. In recent years, the building has been rented an average of 131 hours per year.

In 1996, residents agreed to borrow \$300,000 to purchase and renovate the soon-to-close Boll's store, as well as make additions to Princeton City Hall and the city's public works garage. The breakout costs were \$181,500 for Boll's, \$56,600 for the city hall and \$59,900 for the public works center.

An appraisal of Boll's found the building valued at \$150,000. But, said Youngers, "Even with the refunding of the original general obligation bond, the total cost of the civic center is \$253,600."

With that cost, plus additional annual operating costs of \$6,000, the annual cost per taxpayer to pay off these projects is \$85 per taxpayer, according to the committee.

Youngers said the state audit termed these expenses "excessive," and city officials were urged to eliminate this deficit.

"According to the state auditor's office, these costs are way out of line for a city Princeton's size," he said. "From October 1999 through October 2004, excluding the general obligation bond, Boll's expenses are in excess of \$30,000 and city hall/police department expenses were \$16,000."

The committee presented several options, including:

- Several that would move city offices to either Boll's, the new fire department extension (aka the city maintenance addition), or the public works facility.

- Another that moves City Hall to the public works facility, and building a new public works garage at Woomert Park.

- Swapping the sites of City Hall and

### Disputes findings

Mike Kernan, a former Princeton City Councilman, disputed some of the committee's findings. Urging city officials to seek grants to complete long-discussed renovations to the upstairs portion of the building, he said that some city leaders seem to underbudget key areas as a means to increase the city coffers.

"What I'm seeing is they're underbudgeting the civic center based on the fact that we're going to take in more money next year," said Kernan. "It hasn't happened."

"Why are you even thinking about this?" he asked, referring to cost-saving measures such as moving city offices. "Have taxes gone out of sight in Princeton? Is something wrong with our City Hall? I don't think there is."

Meachum defended the committee's work, noting that the options were not necessarily being considered.

He added that City Hall—the former Princeton-LeClaire Telephone Co. building located on Third Street — is a one-person office that is essentially "wasted space."

Kernan again asked whether city taxes were so high they needed to take drastic measures. Replied Meachum, "Not at all. We're trying to save you money. The future is we're trying to keep our taxes in line. The whole point of the study was to better utilize this building, however we can do it."

Tom Damron noted that if the city were to move its offices to Boll's, a garage would need to be built for city vehicles, while Alan Shaw mentioned that regardless of City Hall's location, there would still be operating costs. Others said that the current City Hall location is ideal.

While it may be a one-person office that is the site of occasional meetings, "you need a place to store records that is climate-controlled and safe," reminded Geiger.

Steen, a former Princeton councilman, later backed Meachum. He said that Boll's total

He said that he would have rather had concerned residents speak with him or other committee members, rather than spread rumors or circulate petitions in town.

"With the loss figures like we're showing, we'll never get this building finished," he said. "With what it's costing us to rent this building on a yearly basis, it's a tax burden we'll never get rid of."

### 'We need to advertise'

Several attendees offered suggestions, such as placing rental information in an easily accessible place and advertising in newspapers that were located "downriver."

"We need advertising," suggested Dave Fanning, who suggested a user's fee and additional deposit for use of the kitchen. He recommended special rates for in-town and non-Princeton residents.

The Rev. Peter Sickles, pastor at Zion Lutheran Church, urged volunteers to renovate the upstairs and keep the downstairs area available for dinners and receptions. He added that members of Zion's Youth Group plan to renovate the basement area for their use in the future.

"It would not be too much of a stretch to say the vital part of the community life of Princeton revolves around Boll's," he said, "and I believe a properly planned community center can play an even greater role in its future."

Others, including Steve Suiter, president of Great River Bank & Trust, also had a number of suggestions. A member of the LeClaire Civic Center board, he said that the LeClaire center hosts many activities and has an employee who is responsible for renting the building and answering questions.

He said he would be willing to refer city officials to an advertising agency to help market Boll's.

"I really enjoy coming by Boll's and watch-





## Mae Marie Jones

Mae Marie Jones, Princeton, Iowa, was honored at a family celebration on Sunday, April 3, 2005, for her 90th birthday. Cards may be sent to Mae.

Mae Marie Stichter was born April 7, 1915, in Scott County. She married Waldo Eugene Jones at the "Little Brown Church" on April 17, 1935, in Nashua, Iowa. He died in 1996.

Mrs. Jones was employed at Kernan's for over 20 years and then worked for Johnson's Manufacturing Company in Princeton for over 20 years. Mae was born and raised on a farm in Scott County, and she farmed with Waldo her entire life in Princeton.

She enjoys baking, cooking, crocheting, quilting, embroidering and spending time sending cards and making people happy.

Her children and their spouses are Waldo Louis Jones, Princeton, Iowa, Donald Eugene and Mary Lou Jones, LeClaire, Iowa, and Karen Marie (Jones) and Allan Bruhn, Davenport.

Her grandchildren are the late Randall Lester Jones, Lynn Yvonne Jones and Jeff Brimeyer, LeClaire, Lori Ann (Jones)-Shaffnit, Bettendorf, Donald Allan and Sharla (Fox) Jones, LeClaire, and Scott Allan and Jessica Bruhn. Her great-grandchildren are Angela Lynne Shaffnit, Kayla Ann Shaffnit, Jeremiah Dakota Jones, Jacob Toby Mitchell Jones, Abigail Katherine Jones, Jared William-Charles Jones, and Ava Isabella Bruhn. She has a great-great-granddaughter, Joslyn, and two step-great-grandchildren, Lisa (Brimeyer) Thiele and her husband Travis, and Greg Brimeyer.



## Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Havenhill Havenhill

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Havenhill, Princeton, Iowa, will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives may call from 12 to 3 p.m. at Boll's Community Center, Princeton. It has been requested that gifts be omitted.

Lois Shaw and Samuel Havenhill were married June 17, 1955, at LeClaire Presbyterian Church, LeClaire, Iowa.

Mr. Havenhill was employed by Alcoa, Bettendorf, retiring in 1993 after 42 years.

Mrs. Havenhill was employed at Scott County Library, Princeton, Iowa, retiring in 1994 after 15 years.

The couple's children are Michael and his fiancé Sheila, Princeton, Iowa, and Timothy and Palmer, Des Moines, Iowa.

They have six grandchildren.



## News digest

## Q-C area

**SAU to consider buying center from diocese**

The possible purchase of the Davenport Diocese's St. Vincent Center at 2706 N. Gaines St. could give St. Ambrose University room to grow and the Catholic diocese the cash to help pay judgments from sex-abuse lawsuits. The diocese asked SAU to consider buying the 50-acre parcel for campus expansion after the diocese agreed to pay \$9 million to 37 individuals who accused clergy of sexual abuse.

**Iowa teens take top honors in BMX tour stop**

John Rodgers, 17, of Burlington and Dan Hylton, 19, of Davenport earned top honors in the

Local Exposure Tour at Rampage Skate Park on Saturday — the park's last tour before closing. Rampage was the second of six stops on the BMX freestyle tour. Eight pros choose two local winners at each site; one of those 12 will go on the tour next year.

**Fire guts unfinished Davenport home**

Teresa Grzybowski looked at her unfinished two-story Davenport home Tuesday afternoon as firefighters doused the charred remains of support beams. Soaked, black soot covered the concrete shell of her basement on an unfinished lot on Fairhaven Court. Fire hoses continued to spray what few sizzling pieces were left of the \$100,000 house, which used to be marked with the numbers 4853 in the new neighborhood off 53rd Street.

## Police &amp; courts

**Kolb and Gregory's murder trials delayed**

Cory Charles Gregory and Sarah Anne Kolb, scheduled to go to trial next week for the murder of Adrienne L. Reynolds, had their trials delayed Monday to Aug. 9 and May 31 respectively. Mr. Gregory, 17, and Ms. Kolb, 16, are charged with first-degree murder and concealment of a homicide in the Jan. 21 death of Ms. Reynolds, 16, of East Moline.

**Judge goes easy on prisoner who hit detective**

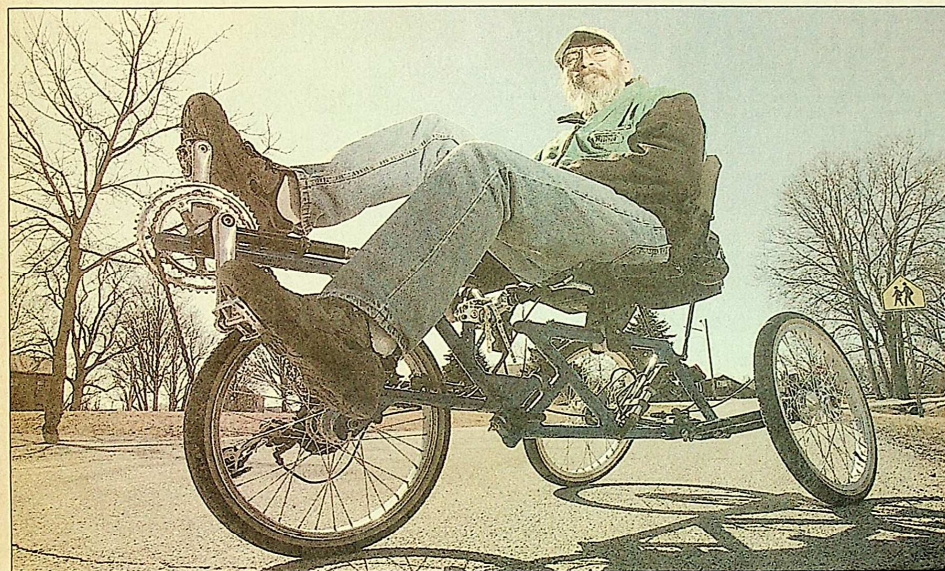
A Scott County judge was lenient Tuesday in sentencing a convicted murderer for punching a Davenport detective in

August, saying he was "provoked." Judge Douglas McDonald sentenced Anthony Brown, 45, to 90 days in jail and a \$500 fine on a charge of assaulting a police officer with injury. Mr. Brown was found guilty during a jury trial earlier this month. Prosecutors had recommended two years in prison.

**Man accused of forcing sex on mentally disabled woman**

Davenport man has been charged with sexual abuse for allegedly forcing sex acts on a mentally disabled woman, according to Scott County District Court records. Melvin L. Foster, 50, of 1408 W. 12th St., appeared in court Thursday on a felony third-degree sexual abuse charge. He was being held in Scott County.

# Inventor enjoys the ride



Todd Mizener / staff

Allan Pillard, of Princeton, Iowa, takes his creation, the 'Zing' recumbent tricycle, out for a spin. Mr. Pillard spent eight years designing the three-wheeled trike to overcome several drawbacks presented by ordinary recumbents. Mr. Pillard's recumbent is more stable at slow speeds, breaks apart to fit in a normal automobile trunk, and positions the rider higher to be seen in traffic.

## Princeton man designs his own recumbent

Equal parts science and art. Ask him, and he will tell you it's really a bit of sculpture you get to ride.

Allan Pillard smiles as he slides into the seat of the recumbent tricycle he designed. He spent eight years designing and building a model he was satisfied with, but if he never sells a single tricycle, the smile that comes with every trip might just be worth it.

"It was cool," Mr. Pillard says of the first time he rode his design. "Every time I get on it, I have that feeling. I still can't believe I built this; I designed this."

Mr. Pillard, a cyclist for the past 40 years, says a lot of his friends started buying recumbents because of the comfort the design allows. On a recumbent, the rider usually is reclining with the feet forward, which eliminates many of the common cycling complaints.

"I copied one out of the back of a magazine, and it didn't work as well as they promised," Mr. Pillard says. "I rode a few,



— Todd Welvaert —

made a list of the things I didn't like, made an outline and started from there."

The 53-year-old Princeton, Iowa, inventor was unhappy with existing recumbents' long turning radius, slow-speed instability, low profile in traffic and that they were unwieldy to carry by car.

"I went through three different designs and built 10 or 12 frames through its evolution," Mr. Pillard says. "It's not the fastest, but it's really comfortable. I can ride it all day and not want to get off. On RAGBRAI I would put in 100 miles a day and then go for a ride around town afterwards. There were people on upright bikes who wouldn't want to do that."

It took about eight years, but what he came up with is an aluminum-framed, 21 speed, three-

wheeled recumbent trike named the "Zing." The turning mechanism is nearly under the rider, enabling the Zing to turn completely around in an area not much greater than its own length.

A simple bolt and brake cable quick release allows a rider to break the trike into two parts in about three minutes. Mr. Pillard says it will fit in a standard car trunk. The trike sits with a higher profile so a rider is nearly eye-level to a motorist.

The trike weighs in at about 40 pounds and sits on standard 20-inch tires. The seat, crank arms and the handlebars are adjustable, so people of various sizes can get a good fit. Mr. Pillard designed a front-wheel drive for the trike, a rarity, as many recumbents use long lengths of chains and special sprockets to run the power to the rear wheel.

"I spent a lot of time thinking about this," Mr. Pillard admits. He even made sure it would roll through a standard-sized external house door.

Mr. Pillard worked as a production machinist for IH, served as a helicopter mechanic for 20 years in the Iowa National Guard and now works as a carpenter building houses. He's ridden his first prototype more

**► The 'Zing'**

A finished "Zing" comes in almost any color scheme and sells for about \$2,500. For information about a "Zing" or to take one for a ride, contact Allan Pillard at (563) 289-3463 or by e-mail at [1zingtrikes@msn.com](mailto:1zingtrikes@msn.com).

than 6,000 miles with no major mechanical problems.

"I've showed it to a few people who build bikes for a living, and they were impressed by it," Mr. Pillard says. "Before I had it painted, people would ask 'Did you make it?' After I got it painted, they ask 'Where did you get it?'"

"I was really happy with the powder-coated paint job. It really finishes the bike well."

Mr. Pillard's girlfriend, Dawn McMeen, bankrolled the welder and lathe he uses to make the Zing. He would like to sell the recumbents, but he knows it is a difficult and competitive market.

"Even if I don't go anywhere with it, it's been fun designing it and building it," he says. "It's a little art, science and engineering. I kind of think of it as a sculpture I can play with."



## Dorothy S. Lage

ELDRIDGE, Iowa — Dorothy S. Lage, 87, of Eldridge, Iowa, died Thursday, March 24, 2005, at Banner Estrella Medical Center, Phoenix, Ariz.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 30, 2005, at Faith Lutheran Church, Eldridge, where she was a longtime member. Visitation will be 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Weerts Funeral Home, 3625 Jersey Ridge Rd, Davenport, and also 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Burial will be at Davenport Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to Faith Lutheran Church or Putnam Museum Guild.



**Mrs. Lage**

Dorothy Anne Seemann was born November 26, 1917, in Pleasant Valley, Iowa, to Julius and Odie (Kahl) Seemann. She married Robert H. Lage on February 7, 1942, in Bettendorf. The couple lived in Florida and California while Robert served in the Marine Corps and then operated Stede Well Farm in Lincoln Township. Robert died Nov. 16, 1991.

A graduate of Davenport High School, Dorothy attended Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Before her marriage, she taught third grade in Tipton and Bloomfield, Iowa, and in Davenport Public Schools.

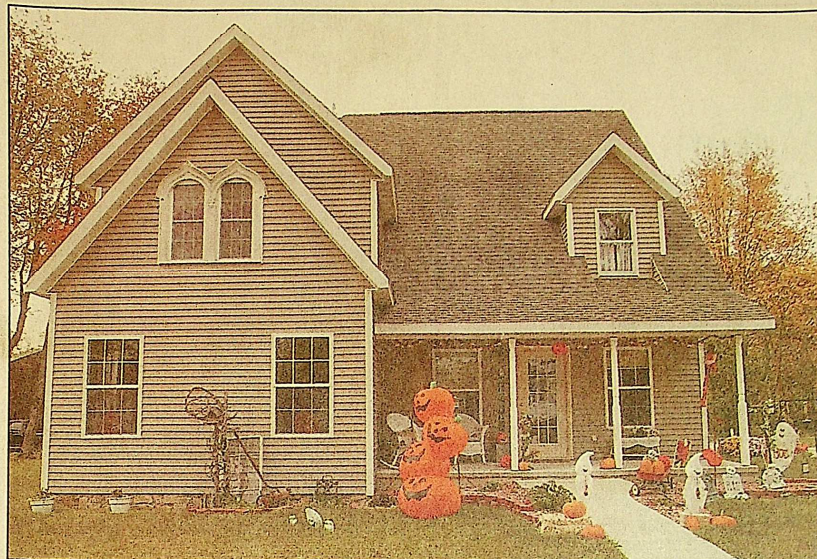
Over the years, Dorothy had been an active member of many community organizations, including Putnam Museum Guild, North Scott Music Boosters, Farm Bureau and Questers. She was a past president of GW Chapter of PEO, Rock Island Arsenal Officers' Wives and North Scott PTA and was a former leader of the Lincoln Go-Getters 4-H Club.

Dorothy had visited every continent except Australia and Antarctica, traveling often with Plus 60 and with her daughters. Her most recent trip was to the Grand Canyon on March 11 and 12. She also enjoyed playing bridge and spending time at her summer home on Leisure Lake.

Survivors include daughters, Ann (Darrell) Pidgeon, Parker, Colo.; Jane (Richard) McCurdy, Goodyear, Ariz., and Anderson Island, Wash., and Karen (Dean) Potratz, Delafield, Wis. She is also survived by grandchildren, Andrew Pidgeon, Marla Pidgeon, John Potratz, and Daniel Potratz; and nephews, Tom Hansen, Cedar City, Utah, and Ron Hansen, Durant, Iowa.

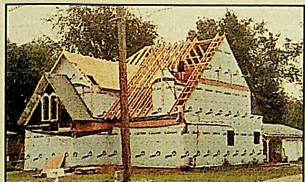
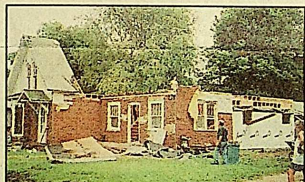
Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and a sister, Viola Ruefer. Online condolences may be expressed to Mrs. Lage's family by visiting her obituary at [www.weertsfh.com](http://www.weertsfh.com).





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All that remains of the original front of the house is the pointed arch trim above the lancet windows. The home now has a pillared front porch, a full second story, architectural shingles and vinyl siding in a color called pebblestone clay.



## FROM BEGINNING TO END

At top is how the Rusers' house looked when they first bought it. Before the construction came the destruction. The Rusers removed the back half of the house so that they could rebuild fresh, with a new poured concrete foundation. The original house was 1 1/2 stories. The Rusers removed most of the original roof so they could replace it. Tim Ruser sketched a new roof with a steep pitch because he thought it would be in keeping with the character of the original house. At bottom, Dyannae and Tim Ruser are the proud parents of 10-month-old Kaidance Sonoma.

# A FAMILY (AND FRIENDS) AFFAIR

'OLD-FASHIONED BARN-RAISING' BRINGS EVERYONE TOGETHER AFTER ACCIDENT

By Alma Gault  
QUAD-CITY TIMES

Look at "before" and "after" photos of Tim and Dyannae Ruser's home and you may wonder - as many people have - why they just didn't tear the old place down and start over.

The reason is that Tim likes to make something out of old stuff, and the day in 2002 when he drove by the dilapidated, vacant home in Princeton, Iowa, he had a vision for what it could become with a lot of work.

He convinced his wife and drew up blueprints to rebuild the home, changing its look and nearly tripling its size from about 1,100 square feet to 3,600. As the owner of a small construction company, Tim expected to do all the work himself.

But seven months into the project, he was involved in a life-altering traffic accident that put him in the hospital for 10 days with spinal injuries and on morphine for nearly 10 months.

At this point, the Rusers were in a crisis situation.

With their home already gutted and time running out on the rented duplex where they were living - the owners were in the process of selling the property - Dyannae, 35, had no choice but to forge ahead, juggling her full-time job with after-hours working on the home, parenting their children and taking care of Tim.

"It had to be done, and she did it," Tim, 38, says, sitting at the dining room table of their now-finished home, creatively decorated with family heirlooms and with a grape/wine motif.

But Dyannae did not forge alone. Unexpectedly and still amazingly, friends, family, neighbors and a church group pitched in, day after day, to help build the home. So did the couple's children - a blend of three

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The dining room table and the stairway balustrade were made from heavy boards salvaged from the original home. Note the grape inset in the middle of the table, carved by Tim.



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boys and a girl. God was a constant companion, too.

"I have to thank my parents who kept me in church all those years," Dyannae says, picking up from the table a paper sign she made during the construction work. It says: "Good morning! This is God. I will be handling all of your problems today. I will not need your help, so relax and have a great day!"

"I made these and put them all over the house," she says. "God and my family carried me through this."

### The work

Work on the house began with cleaning out and gutting the interior and demolishing more than half of the original 1869 structure. The Rusers removed an add-on porch in the front and a rebuilt kitchen in the back.

And, incredibly, they removed the roof. "I seriously lost a couple years of my life watching that," Dyannae says of the removal.

They replaced the roof and half-story space with a full second story that contains four bedrooms, a laundry, a full bath and a master suite with a whirlpool tub and walk-in closet. Above that there is a bonus room.

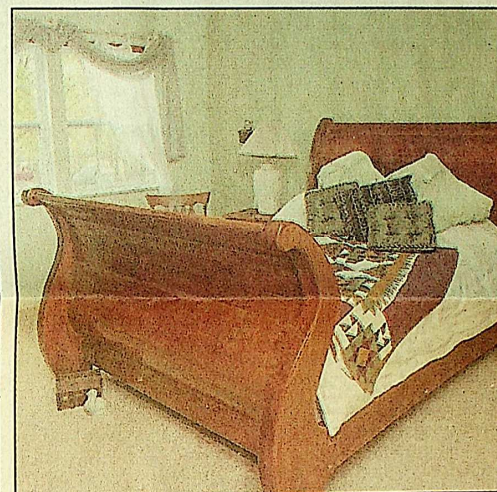
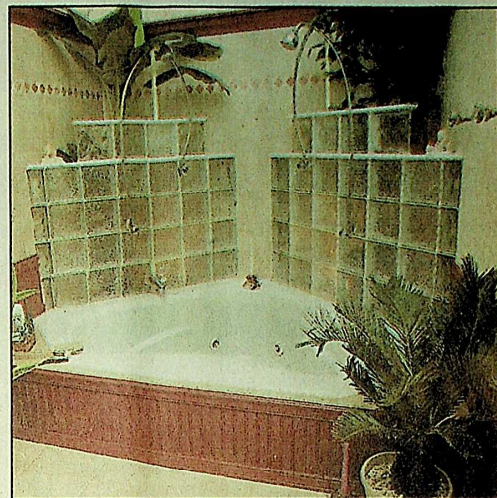
What determined the big size of the home? A pool table.

Tim and Dyannae wanted a place for the pool table that Dyannae had gotten from her parents, so they created a large rec room and adjoining family room, which determined the new length of the home. The width stayed the same.

The Rusers like the space because it allows them to entertain gatherings of family and friends and their children to have friends over — both priorities.

The couple bought the home

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**CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT:** Yellow paint, tumbled marble tile and a grape motif lends a Tuscany feel to the kitchen. The cabinets were made by neighbor Kevin Lamfer. The whirlpool tub in the master bath is set a step up from the rest of the room, and six shower heads provide relaxing sprays of water after a long day. On the wall at right there are two glass doorknobs salvaged from elsewhere in the house that the Rusers use as towel racks. The tile floor warms the room with radiant heat. The Rusers couldn't find a sleigh bed they really liked, so Tim made this piece out of pine for their one-year wedding anniversary.

## Wife heard accident happen

Dyannae Ruser still has nightmares about her husband's accident.

She had just finished talking to him on his cell phone from her job as manager of the Bettendorf Maid-Rite, and because the phone was still on, she heard the crash as it happened.

"I heard him say, 'He's not stopping, brace yourself,' and then I heard the hit, and then I heard the second hit," Dyannae recalls. "That's all it takes for your life to change."

The accident occurred at the intersection of Utica Ridge and LeClaire roads where the driver of the other vehicle ran a stop sign, striking Tim's van and sending it airborne into a ravine. Neither the other driver nor Tim's two sons were seriously injured, but the impact permanently damaged Tim's spine.

Despite surgery to fuse his

spine in two places, he still has pain and doesn't expect to return to work.

Dealing with the injury has been a challenge. Dyannae worried about him sinking into depression, and he admits there were times he lashed out in frustration.

Dyannae used to call him "Taz" "because he was like a Tasmanian devil, always running around," she says. "For me to watch that life change ...

We're best friends, so I had to do everything I could for him and the house."

In a happy turn, Tim's 5 percent chance of ever being a father again has been realized, and the Rusers are the parents of a 10-month old daughter, Kaidance Sonoma, the latter name a reference to the Rusers' vineyard interest.

The couple's other children are Kyle, 18; Aric, 15; Delyn, 13; and Bryana, 14.



## BIRTHDAYS



Helen Holst

### Holst

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Helen K. Schurr was born December 3, 1915, in Davenport.

She married Rudolph Holst in 1940 in Davenport. He died in 1974.

Her children and their spouses are Wayne R. and Dorothy Holst, Camanche, Iowa, Marvin A. Holst, Omaha, Neb., and Elwyn D. and Chris Holst, Davenport.

She has several grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

## Helen Holst celebrates 90<sup>th</sup> birthday Dec. 3

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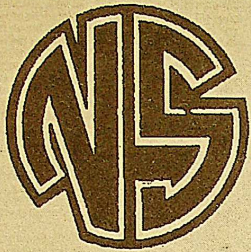
Mrs. Holst enjoys playing cards and potluck.

Her children are Wayne and wife Dorothy, Camanche; Marvin, Omaha, Neb.; and Elwyn and wife Chris, Davenport. Her grandchildren are John Holst, Mary Kuehl, Matthew Holst and Adam Holst. She has one great-grandchild.

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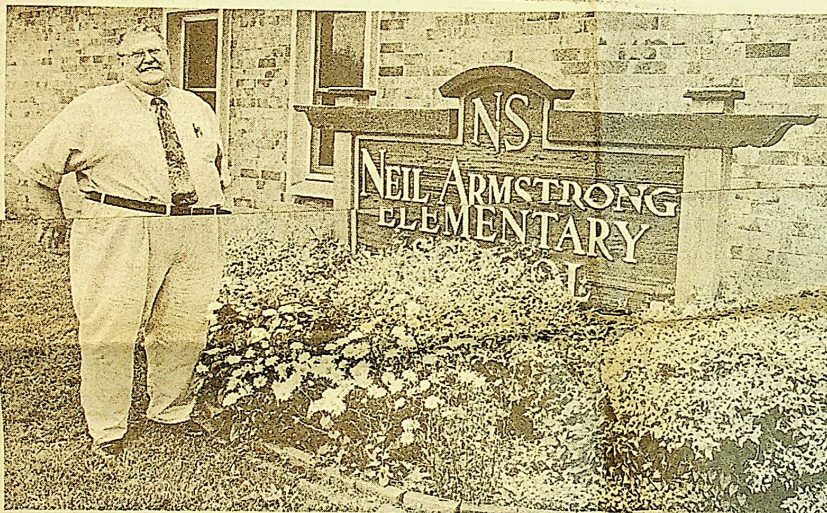






# Reading, Writing & Retiring ...

## A Salute To Our Departing Principals!



Dennis Albertson has been principal at Neil Armstrong since 1985. Before that, he spent 16 years at Virgil Grissom Elementary School.

### Receptions set for Albertson, Lahann and Ragona

The North Scott community will be honoring its three retiring principals as the 1999-2000 school year comes to a close.

Dennis Albertson, principal at Neil Armstrong School in Park View and the district's most senior administrator, will be the guest of honor at a celebration Tuesday, June 6 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the school gym. A special presentation is scheduled for 4:30 p.m.

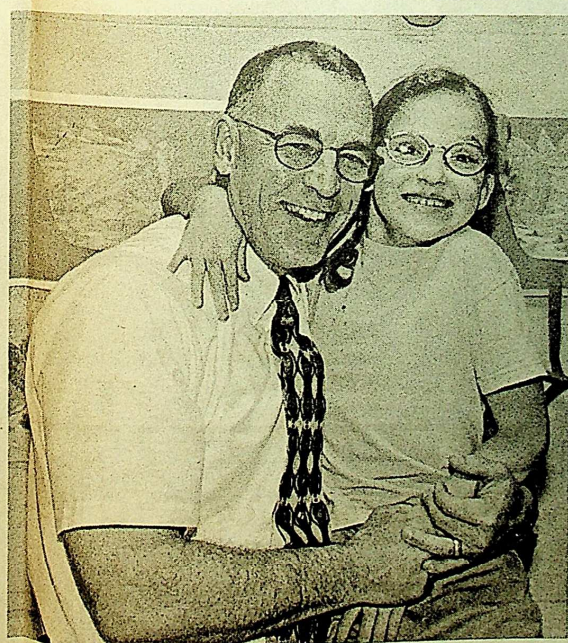
Joe Ragona, who has been at the helm at John Glenn School in Donahue for three decades, will be honored at a reception on Wednesday, June 7 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Don's Pub Reception Hall in Donahue. The staff and PTO also will recognize the school's other retirees at that time. They are Ed Podber, Carol Strobbe, and Deputy Jayne Ruckoldt, the school's DARE officer.

A reception for long-time Alan Shepard principal Barry Lahann will be held Friday, June 2 from 3:30 to 6 p.m. in the gym of the Long Grove elementary school.

NSP Photos  
by Barb Geerts



Joe Ragona is leaving John Glenn Elementary after 30 years.



Barry Lahann wraps up his 29th year at Alan Shepard Elementary School with a hug from second-grader Linda Fisher.



## Thanks for the memories . . .

# Education: Lahann's life long love

■ Shepard principal's career will come full-circle; plans to return to teaching

by Barb Geerts

When Barry Lahann came to North Scott in 1968 to establish a physical education program in the fledgling district's four new

elementary schools (Armstrong would be built later), he didn't have much to work with.

There was all of a month to put a curriculum together. The budget for new equipment was a mere thousand dollars. And the schools didn't even have gyms at that time.

"We literally used the hallways (in winter). Everybody whispered. We played shuffleboard and did square dancing and tumbling. We played a lot of long, narrow games those first two years," said Lahann, who traveled to a different school each day, his '51 Buick loaded down with the gym equipment needed

for class.

"I could fit eight tumbling mats in that Buick," the 57-year-old educator recalls.

After each visit, he would leave instructions with the teacher outlining what activities the students should be doing until he returned.

"I used to kid people at the time that I had the largest PE staff in the state. There were 60-some teachers delivering the phys ed program for me," he said.

Lahann had come to North Scott with the goal of becoming the district's director of physical education, he says. But he would soon trade in his sweats for the suit and tie of an elementary school principal.

It's the "uniform" he has worn now for nearly three decades as principal of Alan Shepard in Long Grove.

But when the long-time educator retires from NS at the end of this school year, he plans to take his career full circle.

"I want to teach in a parochial school so I can have an opportunity to get to really know some kids well again ... (to) see them and interact with them every day," said Lahann, who is an active member of St. Ann's Church. "I got closer to kids as a phys ed teacher than I have as a principal."

Working with children has been a lifelong love of Lahann's, whose first teaching job was that of swimming instructor in Maquoketa as a teen.

"I enjoyed it and ... I've never gotten involved in any other kind of life's work," said the educator.

For a career, he chose to combine two loves: athletics with education. He became a physical education instructor at the University of Iowa's Laboratory School, where educators from throughout the area went to observe the latest in research-based teaching methods.

It was at the Lab School that Lahann met Dennis Albertson, a fellow teacher who left in '67 to become a principal in the new North Scott district. He got his friend to come on board with NS after Lahann's one-year contract with the Deerfield, Ill., school district was up.

### Physical 'therapy'

Lahann welcomed the opportunity to establish a phys ed program that was not simply a training ground for high school team sports.

"The main goal of elementary physical education," he says, "is development—physical and emotional."

The students he remembers most from his rather short career as a PE teacher are those who would never be mistaken for jocks—the ones who often found gym class to be a lesson in failure.

Lahann did his best to turn that around.

"I believe so much of (phys ed) is self-esteem and self-concept building for elementary kids. I'd like to think I did a lot to help them not be afraid ...," Lahann says.

Within three years of launching phys ed at North Scott, gyms had been added to all the schools and the program had expanded to a staff of three: Lahann, Ed Podber and Ken Nevenhoven. Lahann became the full-time instructor at White.

He remembers being in a meeting one day when then-principals Lee Hurley, Dennis Albertson and Dave Fairweather walked in.

"I had had a disagreement about a week earlier with Lee, and I frankly thought I was in trouble," he stated. "Instead, they asked if I'd be interested in the principalship at Shepard."

With his wife, Linda, and two young children to support, Lahann didn't have to mull things over for long. He said "yes."

Because this would be the fourth principal for Shepard in five years, Hurley asked that Lahann commit to a minimum of two years at the post because "they needed some stability."

That is what they got.

At the time, Lahann may have lacked experience, but he had no shortage of determination. He knew he had a lot to learn.

"I was 27 years old. That was a little scary. I had no preparation. I had never taught in a classroom," said the principal, who even had to seek temporary certification until he could complete the necessary classes. "If I would have known how much I didn't know, I would have been more frightened than I was."

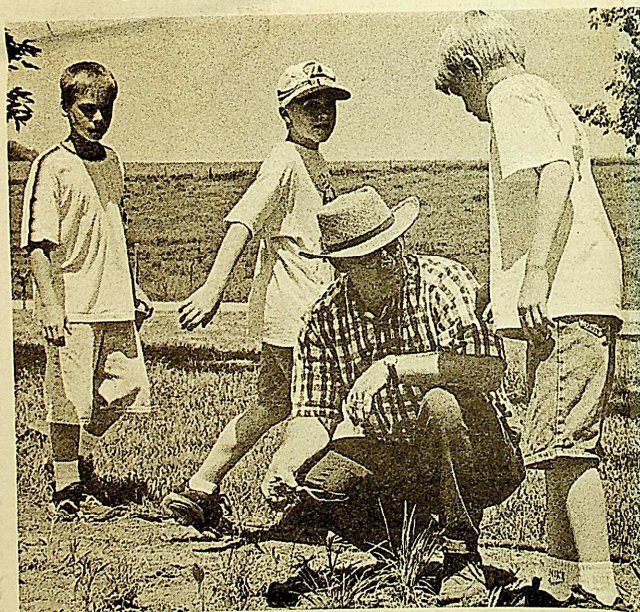
Adding to the challenge was the fact that the district was growing by leaps and bounds, with 150 to 200 new students arriving each year. At one point, the number of Shepard students ballooned to 600—almost double its current population.

Luckily, there were some experienced

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Barry Lahann was honored as an "Important Person" in 1986.



Lahann helped students plant prairie grass in 1989.



Lahann was all smiles in 1993 as he posed with staff members when the school received the F.I.N.E. Award

## Congratulations to all of the retiring principals!

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Jeff, Connie, Stephanie and Tyler Crump

White Roofing

Eldridge Family Dentistry

River Valley Healthcare

Abbey Carpet

The Dirt Trap Car Wash

American Mutual Insurance Association



## Thanks for the memories . . .

# Albertson: 'NS has been my existence'

■ After 33 years in district, Armstrong principal ready to retire

by Barb Geerts

"It was just too exciting – a chance to do everything for the first time."

Armstrong principal Dennis Albertson says that's the reason he just couldn't turn down an invitation to become an elementary school principal at the genesis of the North Scott School District.

"It's been my joy over the 33 years I've been here to watch and be a part of the development of a school system that was way behind its time, into one with an excellent reputation," says the district's most-senior administrator, who will be stepping down at the end of this year.

In a way, North Scott's history is Albertson's history; the two are so inextricably linked.

"It's been my whole existence," the 61-year-old principal says of his lengthy – and highly successful – career at North Scott. "I've gone to school every fall since 1945, when I started first grade. I don't know what I'm going to do on that day (this fall)."

Born in the "boondocks of Minnesota" on an Indian reservation, Albertson attended Mahanomen High School, where he excelled in sports.

"I was in everything – football, basketball ... It was a school small enough that you *had* to be," he said. "Lute Olson was my coach my senior year in high school. We had a fabulous basketball team."

After graduating, Albertson attended Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., earning his teaching degree.

"I was being very pragmatic. When I was in college, there was a serious shortage of teachers. I wanted a job when I graduated," said Albertson, whose parents insisted that all their children attend college.

Albertson first taught high school algebra and geometry, which he says he "enjoyed immensely." But he decided that the only way he could support his family would be to move into administration.

Albertson was working toward his master's degree at the University of Iowa and teaching at the university's Lab School when he was approached by Ron Hendrichs, one of the North Scott District's first principals. Hendrichs was in a class with Albertson and knowing his classmate was near completion of his studies and interested in a principalship, suggested that he check out the fledgling North Scott District. Albertson did just that.

### To travel the 'gravel'

"When I came to North Scott, the elementary office was in a house in Eldridge, next to the fire station. We traveled on gravel roads all over northern Scott County and looked at shells of buildings that weren't completed."

Albertson, who had been courted by other districts, as well, was intrigued by the endless possibilities NS presented.

"The challenge that they issued to me was, 'How would you like to start on the ground floor of a district that has no history to it?'"

From that point on, Albertson would help write Lancer history – while learning some lessons of his own along the way.

"I was 28 years old when I joined the district. I had no idea what (all) I didn't know," Albertson smiles.

There was one thing he *did* know: North Scott had a lot of catching up to do.

Before Albertson joined the district in 1967, students in the primary grades were still attending one-room schoolhouses that hearkened back to the days of the pioneer settlers.

"When I was first here, we couldn't even get teachers to apply, our facilities were so hopeless. We were just way behind the times. Now we enjoy a real good supply of teacher applications because the reputation of the district has been well-recognized," he said.

That reputation is due in no small part to the sacrifice and foresight of a generation of North Scott movers and shakers who wanted the best for their children.

"They really moved this school district out of an antiquated one into a modern one," the principal says.

In the late '60s, district residents voted to tax themselves to the limit allowed by law in order to build four new elementary schools, according to Albertson. Then they taxed themselves again to add gyms and other amenities to the buildings.

It was Albertson's idea to name the schools in honor of the pioneers of space exploration. That seemed appropriate for the "launching" of a new era in education in North Scott County.

"At that point, we only had seven (astronauts). At a board meeting, they drew names out of a hat," Albertson recalled.

John Glenn, Virgil Grissom, Alan Shepard, Ed White – proud names for a district with new-found pride. Albertson would help assemble first-rate teachers to staff these first-rate facilities.

### More than 'schoolmarms'

"I was one of three administrators – Lee Hurley and Ron Hendrichs were the other two – responsible for getting the four elementaries together. We were bringing together teachers – many of whom had taught by themselves in a one-room schoolhouse for years. They never had to consider other points of view in their decisions (in that autonomous environment)," Albertson explained. "The challenge was to develop cooperative teams."

Committed to providing the best education possible, the seasoned teachers – as well as the newly hired staffers chosen by the administrators – learned to work together. Their experience would prove invaluable to the 28-year-old administrator.

"When I came here in the fall of '67, I was pretty green and I had some really good teachers who helped me along – Bessie Sierk, Verna Helble, Margaret Wuestenberg and Joanne Erps, to name a few," Albertson recalled. "Most of those (early educators) did not have college degrees, but they were accomplished teachers and I learned a great deal

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Even a rain shower couldn't keep Dennis Albertson from bidding farewell to students after school.



Dennis Albertson visits with sixth-graders John Cannon (l) and Teddy Hughes-Emke during a recent school day.

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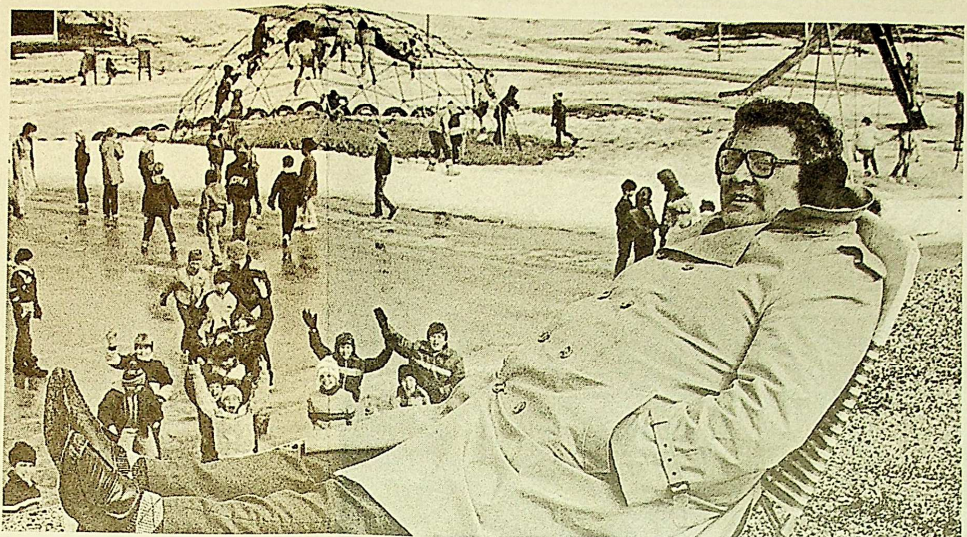
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McClain, Micaiah & Davison  
Mike Hamilton  
Ned & Norida Mohr

The Earl Brockhouse Family  
Jan Drumm  
Bill and Joan Lindle  
Bill and Linda Tubbs and Family





Albertson posed with longtime secretary Joyce Brockhouse in 1984.



Dennis Albertson perched on the Neil Armstrong roof in 1986 after challenging students in a Read-A-Million-Minutes contest.

## Principal credits staff, board, superintendents

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from them about dealing with people."

He said that because there was a surplus of teachers around the time the four elementaries opened, the district was able to be, well ... *picky*. North Scott hired the cream of the crop.

"I've had the pleasure of working with highly skilled teachers. They have continued their education. We have people all over the place with 30 hours (of classes) past their master degree. They are experts in their field. They really know what they're doing."

He also gives plaudits to a superb support staff, and a school board that has consistently put the welfare of the district above territorial concerns.

In addition, Albertson said he has had the privilege of working with all of the district's highly regarded superintendents: Mel Heiler, the chief architect of the North Scott District; Bear Stephens, who brought a new level of sophistication to the district; Doug Otto, the man who pushed for modernization; and Pat DeLuca, who has been at the helm for 12 years.

"His leadership has been steady, honest, straightforward, and he has introduced the concept of shared decision-making. I cannot say enough about what Pat DeLuca has done for our school district."

### Teamwork

Albertson is, in fact, replete with praise for all those he has known in the district, emphasizing that all share in any success. It's evident the principal would prefer to talk about anyone but himself.

"I just temporarily rent the chair I'm in," he says modestly.

But Amelia Reno, a teacher and a NS parent, won't let him retire without a few public accolades. She said Albertson first "won her over" at a PTA meeting, when he ex-

plained why teachers aren't always in attendance at the parent-teacher gatherings.

"He said something like, 'They work very hard for us and have family lives of their own. We respect that,'" she recalled. "Any principal who cares about his teachers as people has got to be a good guy!"

She describes Albertson as "approachable, honest and able to see the good in children."

"Administrators like this make all the difference to children," Reno declares.

Albertson recognizes that his role of principal has been an important one.

"I've remained an elementary principal for these many years ... because I believe an elementary principal can have a profound impact on children. The building principal clearly sets a tone for the building," he observed.

Albertson has served as an administrator at three of the district's five elementaries. During his first two years with the district, he divided his time between Glenn and Grissom.

"I was principal at Glenn before Ragona. I always like to get that in there," he jokes.

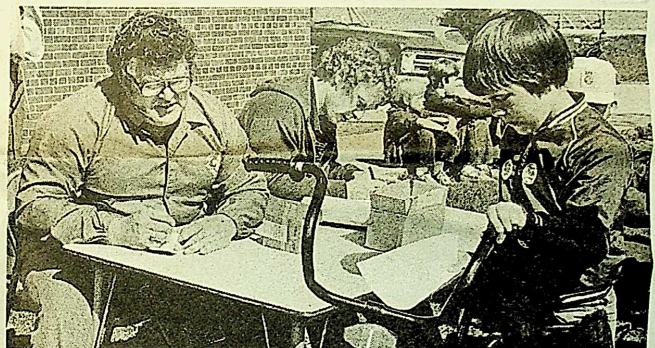
He then became full-time principal at Grissom, where he remained for 18 years. Albertson was very active in the Princeton community, where he was a charter member of the Princeton Lions Club, coached Little League, and began a 25-year stint as a Scoutmaster.

Albertson transferred to Armstrong in 1985, and has remained at the Park View school.

"I refer to this as my *new* assignment. I've been here 15 years," he says.

Albertson was happy to be a part of North Scott's tremendous growth during the 1970s, when the giant Caterpillar and John Deere plants came to the area.

"We were growing in leaps and bounds. The student enrollment was up to 3,600 at that time (compared to about 3,000 for the current year). It was just an exciting time to be part of



Dennis Albertson helped register participants in Virgil Grissom's bike rodeo in 1981.

the school district," he recalled. "Then, of course, we had the tremendous crash."

He refers, of course, to the farm crisis of the '80s. That, coupled with the closing of Cat, sent the district reeling.

"With the closing of Cat, we had a mass exodus. We dropped from 3,600 to 2,800 students in just a few short years. We had to face cutbacks in personnel," he lamented.

The district has since regained most of that lost ground, and should continue its slow but steady growth.

Albertson believes that now is a good time for him to bow out.

"One of the reasons I've stayed in the field is I feel like I've been pretty successful. I enjoy going to work where I experience success. The decision to retire became real easy for me this year because I was just starting to feel overwhelmed by the work," he said, adding that government regulations and accompanying paperwork have put an undue burden on the educational system.

"It appears to me that we're just moving more and more to becoming just a paper-shuffling world. I hope that ... something changes. It has to be a child-centered profession, and I feel that slipping away."

Albertson has no definite plans for retirement, but he and his wife, Cathy Jo, who is principal of St. Alphonsus School in Davenport, will continue to take an active role in Special Olympics and in their church, Eldridge United Methodist.

Reflecting on his career, the principal says it's his hope that he has made some positive contributions to the students here at North Scott.

"I've enjoyed the success of many of the graduates that have gone on to accomplish great things (including those who may have shown little promise initially)," says Albertson, "and known great disappointment over the kids that have taken wrong turns in life."

"And I wonder what I could have done to make a difference."

## Congratulations to all of the retiring principals!

Bloomers

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## ANNIVERSARIES

### Littrel

Mr. and Mrs. Lester H. Littrel, Bettendorf, will be honored at a reception July 3 to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives may call from 2-4 p.m. at The Masonic Center, 511 East 65th St., Davenport. The couple requests that gifts be omitted.

Alberta E. Mess and Lester H. Littrel were married July 12, 1945, at Zion Lutheran Church, Princeton, Iowa.

Lester was employed at various jobs including transport truck driver for Sanitary Dairies and finally retired from his truck driving position at Continental Bakery, Davenport, in 1986 after an accident. He owned and operated two family service stations and worked as a service manager. Currently he is very active in various capacities in both the Odd Fellow and Masonic Fraternal Organizations. He is a member of Pilot Lodge No. 38 I.O.O.F. in July 1985, and currently serving as Deputy Grand Master for 2004 and 2005 to Grand Lodge of Iowa, Grand Chaplain in 1998 and 2001, Secretary 1987 to 1990 of Pilot Lodge No. 38, and have set in all chairs. He belongs to Masonic Fraternal, Davenport, along with Secretary of Buffalo Shrine Club, Davenport, a member of the Scottish Rite, Moline, and a member of the Golden Anniversary Club, Davenport.

Alberta was employed at various jobs besides a homemaker and working in the two family owned and operated service stations. She was a waitress and hostess for Davenport County Club, Mr. C's, and retired from Ross' Restaurant, Bettendorf, in 1987. She is a member of Order of Eastern Star, Silver Creek Chapter No. 302, Daughters of the Nile, Davenport, and a member of the Golden Anniversary Club.

Both Lester and Alberta worked part-time with their son in his auction business, G.A.L. Auction Service.

The couples children and their spouses are Gary A. (Alinda) Littrel, Bettendorf, and the late Terry L. Littrel, who passed away January 1997, formally of St. Pete Beach, Fla.

Their grandchildren are Shelly Littrel, Chicago, Brian (Missy) Littrel, Davenport, Fla., Matt Littrel, Bettendorf, Bridgette Littrel, Tampa, Fla., and the late Scott Littrel, who passed away February 1998. Their great-grandchildren are Joshua and Alexander Littrel, Davenport, Fla.

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## ANNIVERSARIES



**Mr. and Mrs. Brian Carter**

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Carter, Princeton, Iowa, will be honored at a family dinner today to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

Donna Scherer and Brian Carter were married July 18, 1980, at Princeton Presbyterian Church, Princeton.

Mr. Carter is employed by Greystone MFG, Bettendorf.

Mrs. Carter was employed at Midwest Aviation, Davenport.

The couple's children are Sarah and Tyler Carter, both of Princeton.

## Mae Jones

Services for Mae Marie Jones, 90, of Princeton, were held at 1 p.m. Friday, July 8 in the Runge Mortuary Chapel, Davenport, with the Rev. C.H. Meyer officiating. The organist was Ken Peterson. The vocalist was Gary Allinger. Pallbearers were Jessica Bruhn, Gary Kraft, Donald A. Jones, Sharla A. Jones, Lori A. Shaffnit, Lynn Y. Jones-Brimeyer, Jeff Brimeyer and Scott A. Bruhn. Burial was in the Davenport Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Jones died Monday, July 4, 2005, at the Bettendorf Health Care Center.

Mae Stichter was born April 7, 1915, the daughter of Louis and Emma (Barber) Stichter. She married Waldo Jones at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa, on April 18, 1935. He died Nov. 19, 1994.

Mrs. Jones was employed at Kernan's for over 20 years and then worked for Johnson's Manufacturing Company in Princeton for over 20 years. She was born and raised on a farm in Scott County, and she farmed with her husband her entire life in Princeton.

Mrs. Jones enjoyed baking, cooking, crocheting, quilting, embroidering, spending time



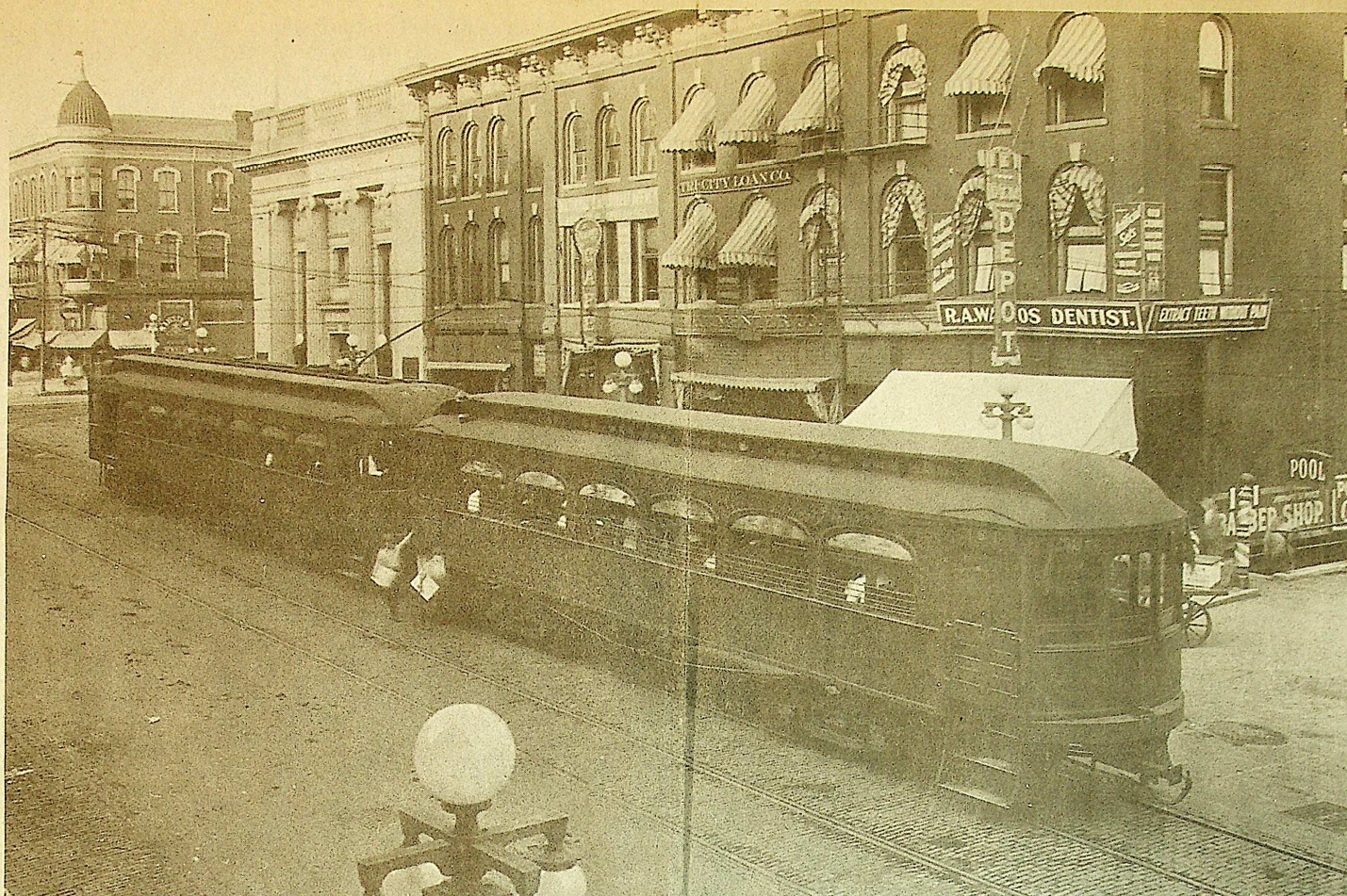
**Mae Jones**

sending cards, making people happy, and thinking of others. Memorials may be made to the Princeton Fire Department.

Survivors include a daughter, Karen and husband Allan Bruhn, Davenport; sons, Waldo, Princeton, and Donald and wife Mary Lou, LeClaire; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a great-great-granddaughter; and a step-great-great-grandson.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a grandson and two sisters.





Once prevalent throughout the two-state area, street cars were convenient and often the only way to get around the downtown. (Putnam Museum photo)

## Street cars drive Quad-Cities to the future

By Dawn Feddersen  
QUAD-CITY TIMES

As the 1800s became the 1900s, the Tri-Cities grew and people lived farther away from each other and the stores, schools and workplaces they needed to reach.

The Tri-Cities' growing industrialization led the area to the forefront of public transportation in the nation.

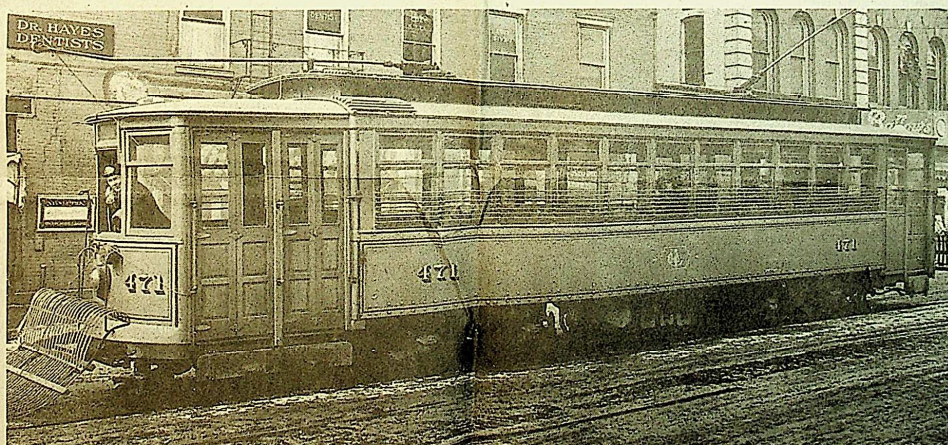
Local mass transit began Oct. 29, 1868, with the Moline and Rock Island Horse Railway Co. The company operated 14-passenger, horse-drawn carriages between Moline and Rock Island for a nickel a ride. The route took the horses about half a day, round trip.

In 1885, the Tri-Cities leapt to the height of technology when Moline began to operate electric street cars. Moline became the first city in Illinois and the third in the nation to do so.

Davenport followed in 1888 and Rock Island in 1889. In 1889, all three cities' street cars were consolidated as the Tri-City Railway Co.

Tri-City Railway street cars were an eye-catching sight on city streets. They measured 44 feet long, 11 feet high and 9 feet wide. Their wheels were 33 inches high and their front ends jutted out with a metal framework "cow catcher."

They were painted a very noticeable yellow with red trim and were propelled by a



Before the automobile's rise to prominence, the streets were filled with horse drawn carriages and street cars. At the turn of the century, downtown areas were more "rural" and street cars often needed "cattle catchers." (Putnam Museum photo)

30-horsepower engine.

During the summer, Tri-City Railway operated smaller, open-air street cars. Passengers hopped on through openings on either side and seated themselves on wooden benches.

Lilah Bell, 97, grew up off Belmont Road in Bettendorf at a time when the closest schools were in downtown Davenport.

In order to get to J.B. Young School, she had to ride her bike four miles, then leave her bike at a nearby house and catch the streetcar.

"I was so young and the

street car was so big and impressive. To me, it didn't seem like a street car. It was like a train," Bell said.

The street cars filled up every weekday with businessmen and school children. But on the weekends, they needed to find a way to drum up business.

"They built amusement parks at the ends of the lines," said Eunice Schlichting, of the Putnam Museum. "They needed a way to promote ridership, and they made it affordable enough that middle-class families could keep coming out."

In the 1890s, amusement parks opened up on Campbell's Island, Prospect Park and Blackhawk State Historic Site on the Illinois side and Suburban Island (now Credit Island) and Schuetzen Park on the Iowa side.

Most were modest, with the exception of Black Hawk state park's Watch Tower on the

bluffs, which attracted more than 50,000 people a year with rides like The Chute.

"I remember The Chute," Bell said. "They stuck you in this box at the top of the hill and slid you down the track into the Rock River. At the end, you were going to get soaking wet no matter what."

Novelties like the amuse-

ment parks and downtown Davenport's thriving retail sector attracted people from all over eastern Iowa.

So in 1904, the Iowa & Illinois Railway Co. began running its powerful electric interurban between Davenport and Clinton, Iowa. By 1912, the interurban also linked Davenport to Muscatine, Iowa.

The interurban reached speeds of 28 mph.

Beginning at age 7, Bell would have to flag down the interurban to take her to her elementary school, Miss Ida's, at 11th and Brady streets.

"I still remember the conductor's name, Murphy. Every day I would get on and he would pick me up and pretend to throw me off until I screamed and kicked and thought he would really do it. Everyone thought it was pretty funny except me," Bell said.

Street cars began disappearing from the Tri-Cities in the 1920s. The automobile and even the bicycle were competition that ultimately proved too formidable.

# 53 Years in Business



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## FAMILY NEWS

### Carters celebrate 25 years of marriage with family dinner

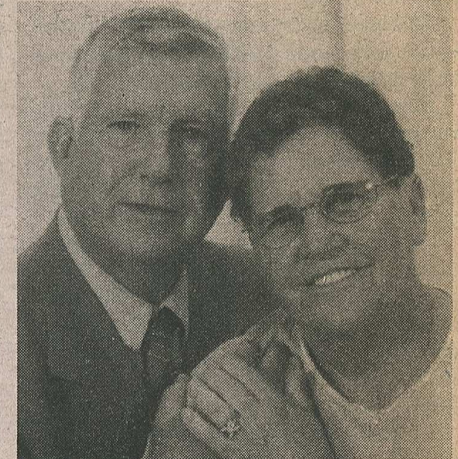
Mr. and Mrs. Brian Carter of Princeton will celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a family dinner on July 17.

Donna Scherer and Mr. Carter were married July 18, 1980, at Princeton Presbyterian Church. Mr. Carter is a maintenance supervisor at Greystone Manufacturing, Bettendorf. Mrs. Carter is self-employed.

Their children, Sarah and Tyler, are at home.



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### Suiters celebrate golden anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John Suiter of Princeton will be honored at an open house on Saturday, July 16, in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Friends and family may call from 5 to 8 p.m., at the Princeton Community Center.

The event will be catered by Bridges, and the couple requests no gifts.

Janice McCollam and Mr. Suiter were united in marriage on July 22, 1955, at the Presbyterian Church in Princeton. Mr. Suiter worked at Alcoa for 38 years, retiring in 1993 as a supervisor in the foil mill. Mrs. Suiter was a postal clerk for 20 years, retiring in 1994 from the Bettendorf Post Office.

His wife Carol, Long Grove; Chestnut, Nancy, Eldren: Meghan Ben, Kendra, and Samantha.



Mr. and Mrs. Suiter in 1955

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The couple's children and their spouses are Jeffery and Carol Suiter, John and Ker Suiter, Jolene and Jeffrey Chestnut, and Jason and Nancy Suiter. They have 10 grandchildren.



Mr. and Mrs. John Suiter





TOWN OF MILAN

This section of land labeled Milan  
on Lee's 1837 map is now a  
subdivision of Hampton, Ill.

## The Rock Island Rapids

A 30-year-old unknown Army lieutenant  
mapped the river, and saw a safer  
channel through our region



Robert E. Lee



## Cover Story: Robert E. Lee and the Rock Island Rapids



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Surveying the Mississippi River took a crew of men to chart and diagram the Rock Island Rapids to plan for safer navigation on the river.

# Until Lee's map, rapids were hidden danger

By Roald Tweet  
ON THE RIVER

Upriver and through the Quad-Cities, the Mississippi River flows calmly. It is benign and beautiful.

But at one time it was a Hades for rivermen. The dreaded Rock Island Rapids, with its shallow waters that rippled above sharp rocks waiting to rip the bottoms of wood-hulled steamboats, stretched from Davenport almost 14 miles upriver to LeClaire, Iowa. It was a river bedded in stone.

Some chains of rocks, it has been said, were named for the boats that sank on them.

At the head of this scene — 168 years ago — there arrived a courtly young man that history someday would hail, not particularly for his skill at charting the river, but as a legendary military messiah.

He was a 30-year-old unknown U.S. Army lieutenant who tired of the doldrums of service in Washington, D.C.,



Robert E. Lee

## NEXT MONTH

Mississippi River historian and regular *On The River* contributor Roald Tweet tells the rest of the story of how the Rock Island Rapids were tamed.

and volunteered for the hinterlands to serve the Upper Mississippi's needs. In 1837 — when our river was a wild and timbered land — Lt. Robert E. Lee came to survey the rapids and confirm that someday this river of ours would be safe and navigable.

It was the same Robert E. Lee who became Gen. Robert E. Lee, venerated in the South as commander of the Confederate forces during the Civil War.

Lee's exacting survey of the Rock Island Rapids was detailed on a long, narrow map that determined the kind of work to be done until the nine-foot-channel submerged the rocky, treacherous passage in the 1930s.

Big tows, with a string of barges the length of three football fields, currently

work these waters. For this, there can be thanks to Robert E. Lee.

The historic railroad bridge, the first to link the east and west at Davenport, also can be thankful to Lee. His map showed where the first bridge piers might be located.

## Lee's role at the RI Rapids

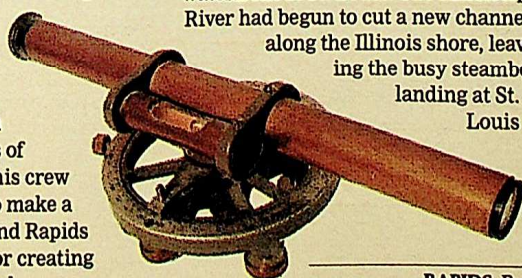
In 1837 — a time when pigs wallowed in the mud streets of Davenport — there was no logical place for Lee to set up business on the river. So he and his crew headquartered on the upper decks of a wrecked steamboat that had been torn by rocks of the rapids. From there, he enjoyed the comfort of fishing out the steamboat's door in a spot on what currently is Arsenal Island.

In mid-August, Lee, a young U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officer, and his crew arrived in Davenport to make a survey of the Rock Island Rapids and determine a plan for creating a safe steamboat channel.

Lee, a Virginian who graduated second in his class from West Point in 1829, had been stationed at the Office of the Chief of Engineers in Washington. He had found official Washington unexciting, so he volunteered for the assignment. Gen. Charles Gratiot, chief of engineers, had taken a liking to the young officer and granted his request.

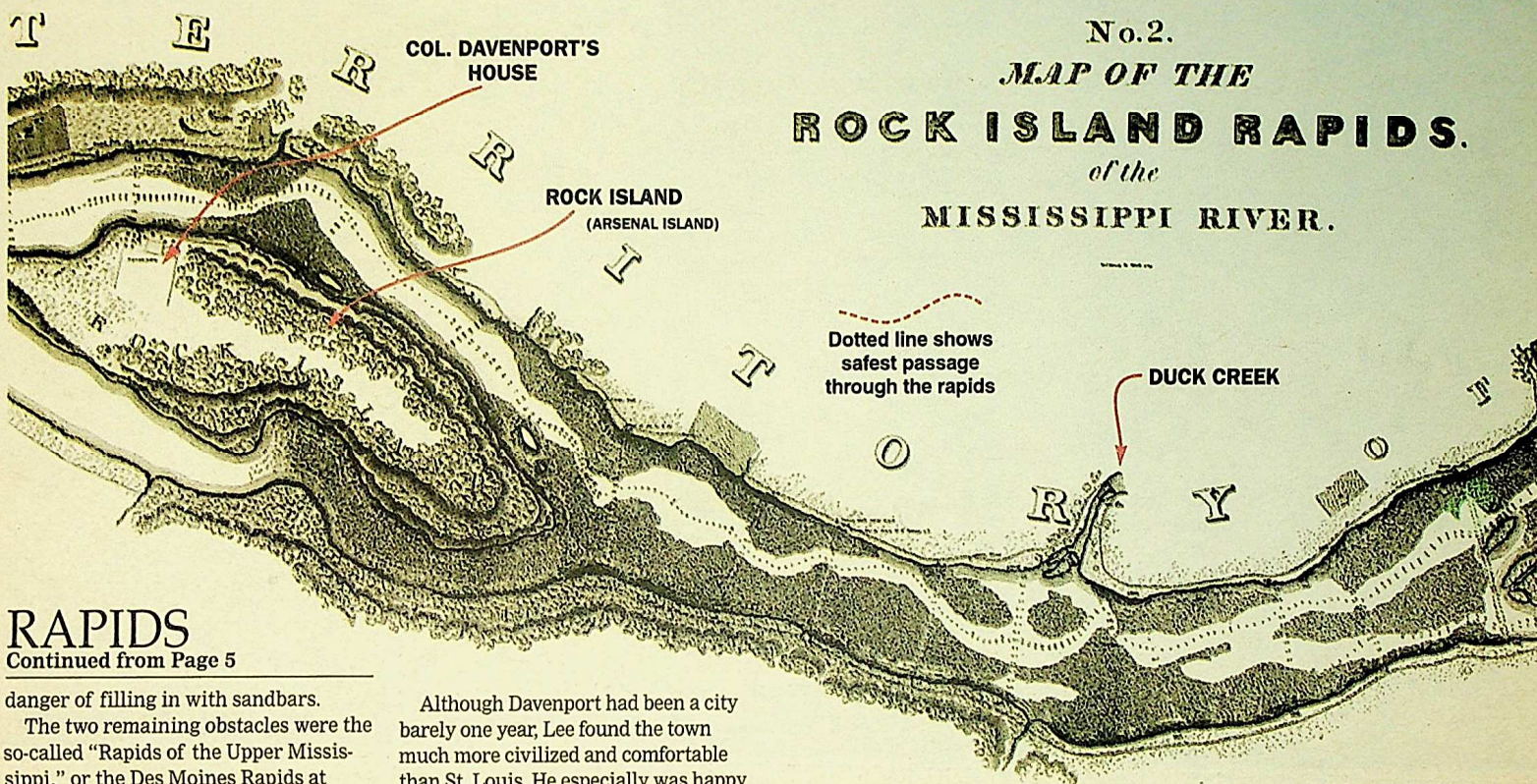
At that time, steamboat traffic on the Upper Mississippi had increased rapidly since the Black Hawk Treaty of 1833 opened northern Illinois and much of eastern Iowa to new settlement. It was essential that obstacles to river navigation be removed.

The first of these obstacles was the waterfront at St. Louis. The Mississippi River had begun to cut a new channel along the Illinois shore, leaving the busy steamboat landing at St. Louis in





## Cover Story: Robert E. Lee and the Rock Island Rapids



## RAPIDS

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danger of filling in with sandbars.

The two remaining obstacles were the so-called "Rapids of the Upper Mississippi," or the Des Moines Rapids at Keokuk, Iowa, and the Rock River Rapids at Davenport, which Lt. Lee later renamed the Rock Island Rapids.

As an assistant to Lee, Gen. Gratiot appointed a new West Point graduate, 21-year-old 2nd Lt. Montgomery Meigs, who later would become a general on the side of Lee's enemy during the Civil War.

Lieutenants Lee and Meigs arrived in St. Louis in August 1837 to begin their duties. Lee's first impression of St. Louis was not good. "It is the dreariest and dirtiest place I was ever in," he wrote to his friend, Andrew Talcott. "Our daily expenses about equal our pay."

Rather than remain in St. Louis, Lee decided to begin work at the worst of the three obstacles to navigation: the Rock Island Rapids. On the way up to Davenport, however, his steamboat stuck fast on the Des Moines Rapids, so he decided to survey that rapids first. Leaving the boat stuck until higher water, the survey crew carried out their work on foot, camping along the way, and did not arrive in Davenport until mid-August.

## Arriving in Davenport

At the Rock Island Rapids, steamboat travel not only was difficult, but it also was dangerous. Here, the channel twisted back and forth around chains of rock. Even in high water, steamboats often were destroyed after being pushed against the rocks by cross currents.

Although Davenport had been a city barely one year, Lee found the town much more civilized and comfortable than St. Louis. He especially was happy to find space for office and living quarters on the top two decks of a steamboat, which had sunk to its second deck in the rapids between Davenport and Stephenson (later Rock Island). The bottom of the boat had been torn out by rocks.

Here, Lee and his men lived well, fishing for blue catfish over the side of the boat at night. "I assure you," he wrote to Talcott, "we were not modest, but fell without difficulty into the manner of the country, and helped ourselves to everything that came our way."

By the end of September, Lee had finished his survey of the rapids. It was at this time that he had changed the name from Rock River Rapids to Rock Island Rapids, in reference to the large limestone island alongside the rapids currently known as Arsenal Island.

## Lee's Impact on the rapids

Lieutenants Lee and Meigs returned to St. Louis in early October to draw maps and write reports before returning to Washington for the winter.

In addition to preparing detailed maps of both the Des Moines and Rock Island Rapids, Lee's report recommended that both rapids be improved by cutting a steamboat channel four feet deep through them, rather than constructing canals around them, as some rivermen had suggested.

At the Rock Island Rapids, this would

involve cutting off the points of the chains of rock and straightening the channel. Buoys would then be placed to guide boats through safe water.

Lt. Lee had intended to return for the 1838 season to carry out these improvements, but the money Congress appropriated for the work was diverted to snag removal on the lower Mississippi.

Using leftover funds from the previous season, Lee — who now was a captain — returned to St. Louis, where he blocked off the new Illinois channel to direct the current toward the city. Sandbars soon began to wash away, making St. Louis a river port once again. The Illinois channel eventually filled in and became part of East St. Louis.

With what little money that was left, Horace Bliss, Lee's new assistant, carried out experimental underwater blasting of rock at the Des Moines Rapids.

There were no funds to carry out additional work at the Rock Island Rapids. Lee did not return to Davenport, except to pass through in July 1838 on his way to a reunion with several other West Point graduates in Galena, Ill.

He returned to St. Louis briefly in 1839, but only to finish the St. Louis project. Congress appropriated no further funds in 1840.

In spite of Robert E. Lee's short stay at the Rock Island Rapids, his map was detailed enough to help locate piers for the first railroad bridge to cross the Mississippi between Rock Island and Davenport in 1856. The method he developed for underwater blasting during experiments at the Des Moines Rapids also was used in Rock Island until the locks and dams of the 1930s finally drowned the rapids under nine feet of water.

Montgomery Meigs also affected the area beyond his short visit.

While he went on to supervise several large Corps projects such as the dome of the U.S. Capitol Building and Washington Aqueduct, his son, also named Montgomery, returned to Rock Island in 1847 as a civil engineer with the Rock Island District Corps of Engineers.

The younger Meigs supervised the Corps' boat yard and canal at the Des Moines Rapids, and designed and built several boats for the Rock Island District fleet.

In his 1837 report, Lt. Lee estimated that it would take two to three years at a cost of \$154,658 to complete improvements at the Rock Island Rapids. As sometimes happens with government reports, the lieutenant turned out to have underestimated the project by about 94 years and \$5 million.



## Captain Bill's Logbook

# Suiter honored at last for conquering the rapids

By **Bill Wundram**  
ON THE RIVER

A master pioneer pilot who dared to be triumphant over the Rock Island Rapids has been chosen for induction into the National Rivers Hall of Fame in Dubuque.

Capt. Philip Suiter of LeClaire, Iowa, will join an impressive hall-of-fame gallery that includes Mark Twain, as well as Lewis and Clark.

The hall of fame is part of the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium in Dubuque. His induction will be made during a Propeller Club meeting Dec. 15 at Thunder Bay Grille in Davenport.

Jerry Enzler, executive director of the museum and hall of fame, will attend the event.

"It's an extreme honor for Capt. Suiter," Enzler says. "It was the first time his name was placed on the national balloting. There were others nominated, but Capt. Suiter and Louis Hunter were chosen."

Hunter authored "Steamboating on Western Rivers," considered a Bible for rivermen. Those who no longer are alive are eligible for induction.

"Capt. Suiter was an amazing man. He was the pilot who proved that the Rock Island Rapids — one of the most dangerous 14 miles of the Mississippi — could be navigated," Enzler says (see this month's cover story on Pages 5-6 for more information on the Rock Island Rapids).

"The balloting was from 250 persons eligible to vote in the Hall of Fame program. Thirty-six states were represented in the balloting for Capt. Suiter," he adds.

Suiter was the first pilot to consistently conquer the rapids, and the first to be licensed by the U.S. government for rapids service.

Before Suiter, few pilots dared to navigate the rapids, with its hidden sharp rocks that tore holes into the wooden hulls of boats.

Suiter was a self-taught riverman with energy, determination, curiosity and a spirit of adventure. He learned the rapids from two French-Indian voyagers, making him the master of navigation for this dangerous stretch of water. When Lt. Robert E. Lee was mapping the rapids in 1837, it was Suiter who showed him the rock chains, cross currents, narrow chan-

**BILL  
WUNDRAM**



nels and tricky navigation routes.

His skill was inherited by future generations. It was common knowledge among rivermen that "only the Suiters knew the rapids." Under the command of a Suiter, rivermen came to know every eddy and outcropping.

A Suiter would take the wheel of a boat's licensed pilot, guide it through the rapids, and race up or downriver by buggy to catch the next boat requiring his expertise. For this, the Suiters were paid well.

Their need continued until the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers blasted the current nine-foot channel almost 100 years later.

Suiter was such an accepted river authority that even Abraham Lincoln called upon him for service.

In May 1856, the steamboat Effie Afton struck a pier on the new Rock Island-Davenport bridge, the first railroad link to span the river. The boat — and part of the bridge — burned to the river. Steamboat people sued, claiming the bridge was a threat to navigation.

At the trial, Capt. Suiter was an expert witness for Lincoln, who at the time was an attorney representing railroad interests. Lincoln won the case with the help of Suiter, who insisted that the span was no obstruction to navigation.

The Suiter name remains steady in the Quad-Cities. His relatives remain here — bankers and businessmen, sound citizens — some even living along the river.

An oil portrait of Suiter ultimately will be on display in the Dubuque museum, which has attracted national interest.

"In 29 months, we have had 700,000 visitors," Enzler says. "Forty-seven percent stayed three hours or more. Iowa's governor, Tom Vilsack, stayed six hours."



**Phillip Suiter**





### *'Pure devastation'*

When Princeton Mayor Keith Youngers and Police Chief Chris Bryant delivered the town's backup squad car to the police department in Pass Christian, Mississippi late last month, they were overwhelmed by the devastation, just as the folks of Pass Christians were overwhelmed by Princeton's generosity. "What we saw was pure devastation," said Youngers, when describing the damage inflicted by Hurricane Katrina. "It was like a nuclear bomb went off. There were two houses standing in a community the size of Eldridge. Youngers also said the people of Pass Christian were grateful for the squad car. "We were driving through parts of town and people actually came out and said thanks for helping," said Youngers. Above, Chief Bryant stands in front of the demolished Pass Christian Police Department. Below, Bryant and Youngers pose with Pass Christian Police Chief John Dudnisson and the old Princeton squad car.





# Eldridge, police un

**By Barb Geerts**  
NSP Staff Writer

Eldridge Mayor John Strazewski announced the results of arbitration involving the city and the Eldridge Public Safety Asso-

ciation at Monday's meeting of the Eldridge City Council. The Safety Association represents the city's six police officers, but not Chief Martin Stolmeier.

Strazewski said there were basically seven

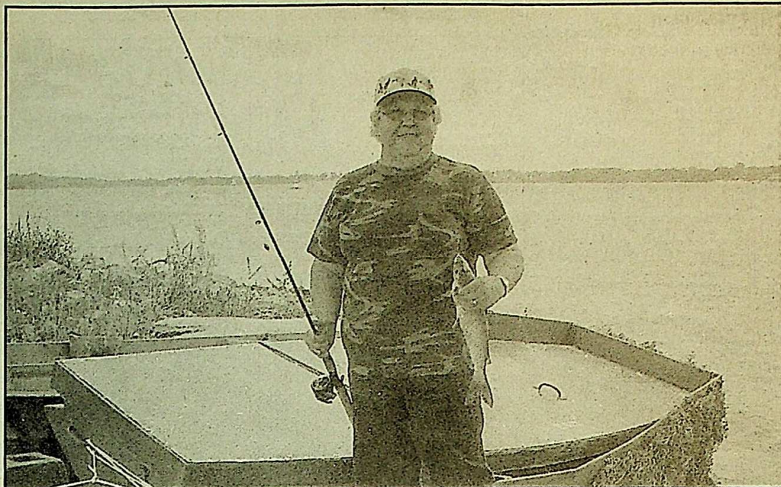


## *Leprechaun fun in Princeton*

The Princeton branch of the Scott County Library System hosted its fourth annual Leprechaun Story Hour on Saturday, March 12 at the Great River Bank building. Seamus, the resident Leprechaun, apparently got discouraged with the remodeling at the Princeton library and hid his shamrock clues at the bank instead. Librarian Jo Damron, pictured with young readers, said patrons were relieved when Seamus left his first clue.

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Rosie Mess of Princeton, Iowa, fishes the Mississippi River almost every day just down the bank from her home.

#### GET HOOKED

## Fish or kids, she's always catching something

Fishing, sharing are way of life for Princeton woman

**R**OSEMARY "Rosie" Mess has been reeling them in for years.

Sure, she can pull in as many fish as the next outdoors lover, but that pales in comparison to her ability to hook an audience of third-graders each fall at Ecology Day at Scott County Park for Neil Armstrong School in Park View, Iowa.



DAVE  
CARLSON

That's the annual occasion when Rosie transforms from the school's daytime custodian and lunch-room helper into a great ambassador of the outdoors, captivating a

group of school kids with tales and tackle alike.

"Do you eat the fish you catch?" a young girl wants to know.

That sends Rosie into an easy-to-understand explanation of guidelines for keepers and throwbacks. Then, she ventures into information about what it's like to clean fish — guts and all, which proves to be one detail too many.

"Ew!" the girl squirms.

But what makes one girl squeamish, makes another smile.

"I really love sharing my hobbies of fishing and hunting with the kids," Rosie said. "I bring some fishing poles and tackle and explain the difference between top and bottom fishing and also about ice fishing."

Rosie teaches the kids about baits — their favorite is to hear, but not necessarily smell, about stink baits — and the

proper time to use each.

"I try to impress on every child how to truly enjoy nature and how to have fun in the outdoors," she said. "I really hope that every child gets a chance to go fishing and to see how much fun it can be to reel in that 'surprise' fish."

For many of the kids, it's a lasting impression.

"Rosie is loved by all the kids," Neil Armstrong principal Curt Rheingans said. "They really enjoy hearing about her fishing and hunting and other outdoor adventures. She has a true love for the outdoors. She does an excellent job on Ecology Day and the rest of the year also."

Rosie was introduced to the outdoors by her grandparents, growing up in LeClaire, Iowa, where she'd swim and fish in the Mississippi River seemingly without end.

She recalls one day when her grandfather told her that Sunday was a day to play and relax. That meant a picnic lunch and a trip to McCausland, Iowa, with her grandparents to fish the backwaters of the Wapsipinicon River.

"We always caught bluegills, sunfish or bullheads, which my grandfather called yellow bellies," Rosie said, "and take them home and clean them and eat them. They were really good eating!"

It was years later, when Rosie met her husband, Ron, who was from Princeton, Iowa, when she really got hooked on the outdoors. They were married in 1968, and today, fishing almost is a daily occurrence.

"I enjoy coming home from school and getting my fishing pole and bait, going down to the river in front of our house and putting my line in the water to see what I can catch," said Rosie, who just celebrated her 61st birthday this month.

"I usually catch something, using my favorite bait — worms. I might catch a carp, dogfish, channel catfish,

bluegill, crappie, perch, bullhead, or walleye. It's always so exciting for me because it is always a surprise!"

Rosie and Ron married in 1968 and have a home on the river on the north edge of Princeton. Rosie never had fished from a boat until they were married, and she said she really enjoyed fishing even more since they could move from one fishing spot to another.

They and their two sons, David and Robert, really make quite an outdoors group. If you don't find them fishing, it's probably because they've gone on a hunting trip.

The four of them love to camp, fish and hunt, whenever they can. They have several fishing boats and scull boats for duck and goose hunting. They even make their own duck and goose decoys, of which they have hundreds of lining the many shelves in their garage.

"We have what we call the quack shack just upriver from our house," Rosie said. "It's where we do our duck and goose hunting. I have two Remington pump shotguns, a 12-gauge and a 20-gauge. We used to rabbit and pheasant hunt also, but now we just hunt waterfowl."

Their scull boat is on shore next to the quack shack. When the ducks or geese land around the decoys, they're able to quietly row toward them.

"If you do it correctly, you can get really close to them before they try to fly away," she said. "Then you row and pick up the birds you shot and then go back to the quack shack and wait for the next flock to land."

When hunting season is over, and the river ice is safe, the Messes set up their tent for ice fishing, completing an annual circle of love with the outdoors.

Until next time, let's get hooked on fishing!



# Rural Princeton man's into his woods

## ■ Hagge designs heirloom-quality furniture

By Barb Geerts

NSP Staff Writer

When Bill Hagge was in high school, he spent many nights working on school projects. But his "homework" was of a different sort.

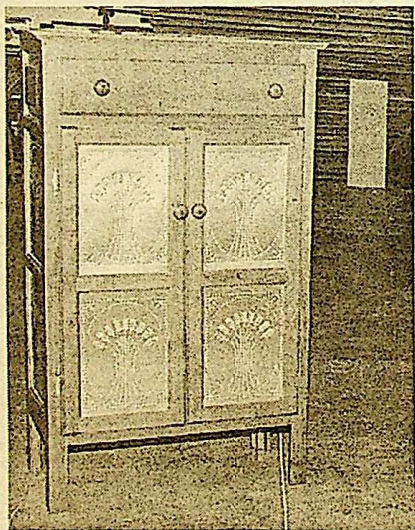
"I knew (then) I was going to be a woodworker. I used to go in after (team) practice and work until 9 or 10 at night (in the woodshop)," said Hagge, the owner of Creations With Wood in rural Princeton.

Hagge, a self-taught woodworker, opened his business here seven years ago, after living in California for over two decades. On the Coast, he did woodworking "as a side hobby." Now, he's at it full time.

"I had the same company in California and also owned a boat dealership," he said. "I was in the marine industry for 21 years. I sold the dealership and moved back here and went into custom woodworking."

Creations With Wood specializes in one-of-a-kind designs. "Very few pieces are ever the same because everybody has their own personality. We build to fit the personality of the client," he explained.

With his furniture and other woodworking



Antique reproductions like this pie hutch are made the old-fashioned way, with traditional joinery and choice woods.

pieces, Hagge uses traditional joinery methods such as dovetail, mortise and tenon, which are sturdier and secure the wood more tightly than many of today's slapdash methods. With the meticulous construction and the careful selection of woods and finishes, these pieces are made to become family heirlooms.

The woodworker knows it takes extra time to make it last a *lifetime*. "We use hand-rubbed oil finishes and also the newer lacquers and poly finishes," noted Hagge. "It will take you 3-6 days to get a finish with a hand-rubbed oil."

Hagge even goes so far as to make his own finishes using a concoction of beeswax, tung oil and linseed oil. He's also picky about using just the right wood.

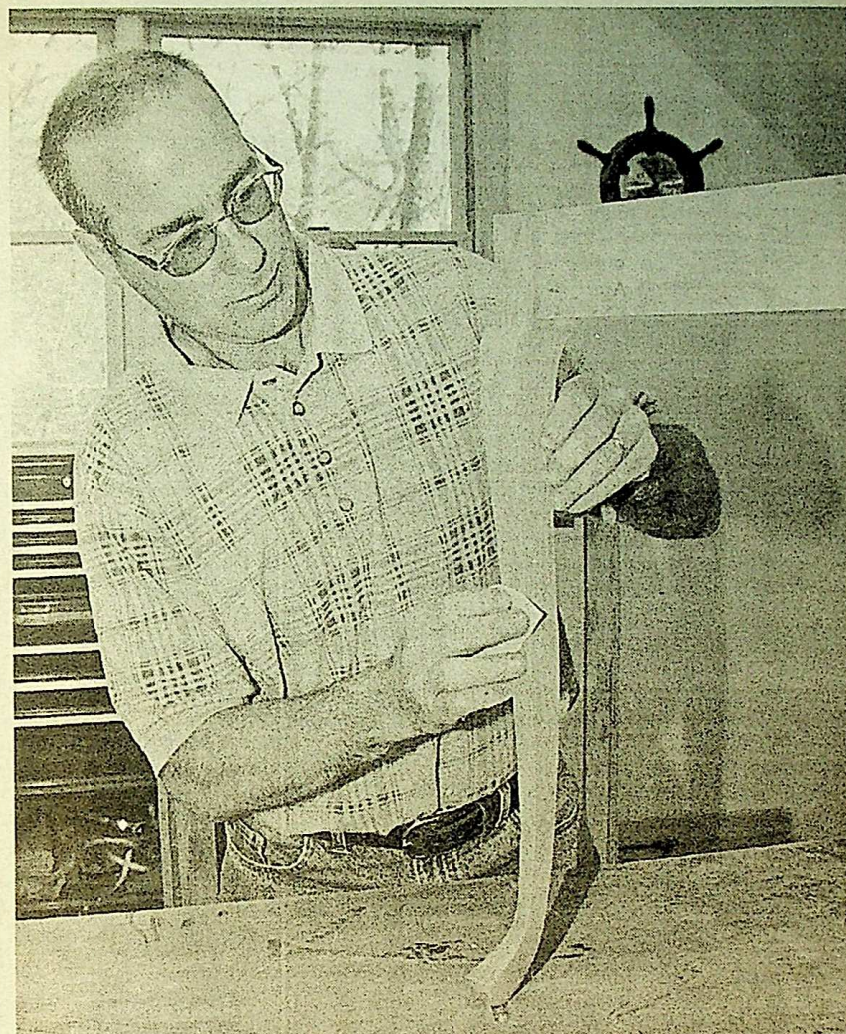
"We use solid woods — cherry, ash, oak. There are some pieces that you need to use a laminate board, because of the heat and moisture." The rest, he said, are solid woods. "I do antique reproductions. You have to be very careful how you match the grain, so it doesn't crack over time."

Hagge and his father and coworker, Olen McVicker, have created reproductions that are scarcely discernible from the real thing. "I did a Stickley piece. I use the same joinery. That's the look that people want," said the owner, who also does restorations.

Hagge's signature pieces include beautiful pie hutches with decorative tin-punch panels, fireplace surrounds and mantels, cabinetry, benches, beds (including a child's playhouse model) and bookcases. But his favorite projects involve creating distinctive tables. His own dining room table has unique, sculptured legs with graceful curves. The woodworker utilizes gear-driven slide systems on his dining tables so they can be "opened with one hand" when installing leaves.

Tables run from \$1,150 to \$2,500. "Custom designs will vary, depending on the type of woods and how intricate the design is," said Hagge, adding that he likes the challenge of creating something special. "I've been blessed that I can build most types (of furniture). I don't have any mindset where I've got to build it only one way."

He often works from nothing more than a rough idea brought forth by a client. "They can come in with a thought, a drawing, or a photo of what they're interested in. I've had 11 years of night schooling (and) I took a lot of drafting and mechanical engineering classes. I can pretty much put it on paper for



Bill Hagge, owner of Creations With Wood in rural Princeton, sands a piece of furniture in his workshop. Hagge designs and builds unique, heirloom-quality furnishings.

NSP Photos by Barb Geerts

them."

Many of Hagge's creations fill the family home, tucked in among the timber of Centennial Oaks' 1<sup>st</sup> Addition. In addition to the dining and kitchen tables, visitors can admire the pie hutch, garden bench, entry bench, two armoires, and 12-foot wall cabinetry with drawers. Hagge completely gutted, remodeled and expanded the existing house before the family moved here, he said. He and his wife, Nancy, have two children, Nolan, 15, and Shelby, 11.

After getting the house in order, Hagge set about building his woodworking shop adjacent to the residence. He is in the shop most days from 8:30 a.m. until mid-afternoon, but folks are welcome to stop by most anytime to talk shop. "If it's past evening hours for most families, it's probably too late to come here," he says with a laugh.

Creations With Wood, 26626 276<sup>th</sup> Ave., isn't the easiest place to find, but it's worth the effort. For more information and detailed directions, call (563) 289-9050.



## Captain Bill's Logbook

# You could ride the Quinlan ferryboat all day for a nickel

By **Bill Wundram**  
ON THE RIVER

**I**t had a rambunctious career. Raucous, fun, easy on the pocketbook — everyman's quick ride across the Mississippi River. Placards on Davenport and Rock Island docks read: "Five cents. Have your fare ready. No bills over \$5 cashed."

Of all the storied boats in the Quad-Cities, the W.J. Quinlan ferryboat was the most beloved. It has been 60 years since the boat criss-crossed the river between Davenport and Rock Island.

In all its years of chunk-chunk-chunking across the river in high and low water, the Quinlan never strayed more than two miles from where it was built. It was a ferry by day, bingo parlor in the afternoons, casino by night, and at almost any hour a place to drink.

Passengers patiently waited at the docks in Davenport and Rock Island on summer days, cooling their faces with fans until the Quinlan — usually on time — arrived for a 10- or 12-minute crossing.

On balmy afternoons, families picnicked on the lower deck, traveling all day for a nickel. In later years, owner Fred Kahlke lifted the price to a dime, then 15 cents, always claiming that he was losing money. By way of mention, he died a millionaire.

By nightfall, the Quinlan's decks were rimmed in ruby lights, a crimson firefly slowly plodding the river, while the bands of Tony Catalino and Lee Johnston serenaded upper-deck dancers.

The rivers of memory are filled with tales of the W.J. Quinlan, so-named for its original owner. One day, when the boat was filled with children from the Iowa Soldiers' Orphans Home, Capt. Hannas White died of a heart attack at the wheel.



BILL  
WUNDRAM

The boat twisted in midstream, steaming toward Centennial Bridge's piers until a frantic engineer climbed into the pilot house to correct it.

Kahlke, an irascible cigar-chewing curmudgeon, never looked the part of a wealthy bank director. His claptrap office on Mill Street housed a round dining-room table heaped three feet high with unopened envelopes. "But Fred never failed to spot an envelope with a dividend check," says Moline's Bill Getz, a boater and longtime Kahlke pal.

The wood-hulled Quinlan, after all those years with so few repairs and thick with inches of paint, was condemned by the U.S. Coast Guard in 1946.

It remained in the Kahlke boat yards, where vandals crashed out windows and pigeons roosted to smother its once-shiny dance floor with dung. Always, though, Fred Kahlke insisted that he was going to rebuild it. His dream never came true.

The Quinlan slowly rotted away until it was torched by vandals — suspected to be college boys on a prank spree — in the spring of 1967. Its owner died in 1975, at the age of 93, taking with him memories of the grandest of riverboating days.

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The W.J. Quinlan, with Davenport and three excursion boats in the background.



## River Tales: Taming The Rock Island Rapids

# Rapids rivermen hit many snags along the way

By Roald Tweet  
ON THE RIVER

*This is the second in a series on how a nine-foot channel was chiseled from the rocks of the Rock Island Rapids.*

All methods of blasting a channel through the river were attempted when opening the treacherous Rock Island Rapids, including placing a tripod on the riverbottom, filling a drilled hole with gunpowder and blasting the rock to bits. During low water, Campbell's Rock was piled high with wood that was set on fire. When the stone was blazing hot, water would be souped upon it, and the stone would be split to pieces.

These were sagas in opening 14 miles of river — from Rock Island to LeClaire, Iowa — to navigation, which heralded the opening of the steamboat age on the Upper Mississippi River.

## Lee's plan for the rapids

It is an intriguing story of great toil and frequent disappointment, brought about in the beginning by Robert E. Lee, a young U.S. Army Corps of Army Engineers lieutenant, before he led the army of the Confederacy during the Civil War. Lee mapped the rapids and believed they could be tamed in three years. Instead, it took a century.

The Rock Island Rapids still exist but are submerged in the deep waters of the nine-foot channel that makes navigation possible for towboats.

By October 1837, Lee completed his survey and mapping of the rapids. In his report to the Corps, he outlined a plan to widen, deepen and straighten a steamboat channel through the rapids.

Lee intended to return the following season to begin improvement work. However, the nationwide financial Panic of 1837 dried up congressional appropriations, and work on the rapids did not begin for another six years.

By then, the need to improve the rapids was more desperate. The 20 steamboats Lee had reported working on the Upper Mississippi had grown to almost 100. During the 1853 season, seven steamboats were wrecked between Keokuk, Iowa, and St. Paul, Minn., two of them along the Rock Island Rapids.

In 1854, the Davenport levee recorded 1,500 steamboat landings, filled with immigrants heading to the rich farmlands of Iowa and Minnesota.

## Setting course

In 1852, responding to growing steamboats and the rapid settlement of the Upper Mississippi River Valley, Congress authorized funding for work on the rapids. During the summer of 1853, Lt. G. K. Warren resurveyed the rapids for the Corps. His report supported Lee's original proposals.

As Lee and Lt. Montgomery Meigs before him, Warren would go on to play an important part in the Civil War. Warren's actions at Little Round Top during the Battle of Gettysburg generally are credited with swinging the tide of battle to the Union's side. In 1872, Warren — then a major general — would return to Rock Island to design and supervise construction of what currently is the Government Bridge on Arsenal Island.

Actual work on the rapids began in August 1854 when U.S. Agent John Floyd and a small crew of men arrived to carry out Lee's plan.

Using the method devised by Lee, Floyd and his crew began work at the two worst stretches — the Campbell and Sycamore Chains. An iron tripod was placed on the riverbottom over the work site to hold a platform and drill guide. A hole was drilled through a single rock layer, filled with gunpowder and ignited. The explosion split the rock so that it could be removed in large pieces.

Floyd soon realized that Lee had been optimistic that the work would take two to three years. At Campbell's Chain, four men had taken two weeks to cut off two-and-a-half feet of rock projections. At this rate, Floyd estimated, the work would take "forever."

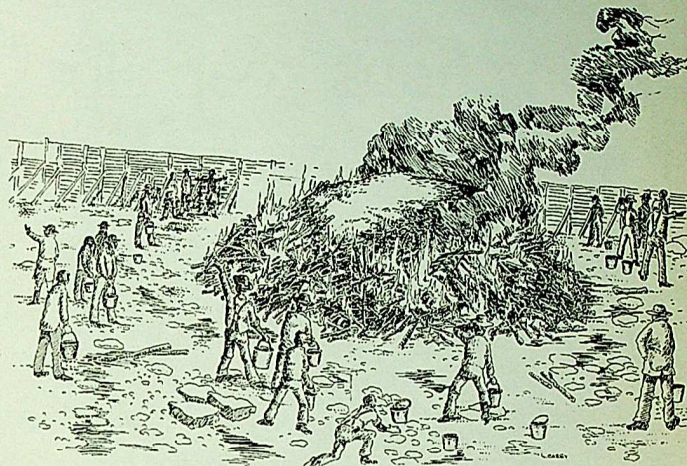
## Treacherous work

After working for three seasons on the rapids, Floyd had all but given up. In 1855, the Chicago and Rock Island Railroad had begun to construct the first railroad bridge on the river between Rock Island and Davenport. So many workers had been hired by bridge contractors that Floyd discovered it was impossible to hire his own competent workers.

Floyd also agreed with steamboaters that the bridge itself was an obstruction to navigation.

He might have had a point. Of the 1,667 rafts and steamboats passing the bridge in 1857, 55 collided with the structure.

At the end of the 1856 season, Floyd



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**While attempting to tame the Rock Island Rapids, rivermen discovered a unique method of breaking large rock by building a fire around it.**

quit his job at the rapids. No further work was conducted until after the Civil War ended. The war itself, by blockading the Lower Mississippi, brought steamboat traffic to a standstill.

In August 1866, the Corps established a permanent office at Rock Island and sent Maj. Gen. James H. Wilson to superintend improvement of the Des Moines and Rock Island Rapids.

As lieutenants Lee and Meigs had done before him, Gen. Wilson had distinguished himself during the Civil War. On May 10, 1865, a detachment of Wilson's forces had captured Jefferson Davis, the Confederate president.

Beginning at the Duck Creek Chain in 1867, Wilson began carrying out Lee's plan of cutting a channel 200 feet wide and four feet deep through the rapids.

For the next 20 years, the rapids slowly improved and included the use of coffer dams and new steam chisels and drills. Coffers, enclosing anywhere from two to 43 acres, were used where the river was shallow enough. There, exposed rock was removed by hand drills and blasting powder. In deeper water, rock was removed by chisel boats and dredging.

At least one large rock located near Campbell's Island was removed in a unique way. In 1870, during a period of low water when Campbell's Rock lay exposed, a load of cordwood was piled on its surface and ignited. A crowd of men then threw buckets of cold water on the hot rock, splitting it into pieces.

## Hitting more snags

By 1886, a completed 200-by-four-foot channel from Davenport to LeClaire had "tamed" the Rock Island Rapids.

However, in 1878, Congress had authorized a new four-and-a-half-foot channel

for the entire Upper Mississippi River. The rapids once again was a bottleneck. Lee's plan was no longer workable for the new depth. In 1905, the Corps began work on what came to be known as the Moline Lock at the head of Arsenal Island. This lock, opened in 1907, gave Moline access to the main channel and provided deep water for three miles of the rapids.

In March 1907, Congress authorized an even deeper channel of six feet in an attempt to revive decreasing river traffic. In response to this new challenge, the Corps' Rock Island District began construction of the LeClaire Canal and lock around 3.6 miles of rapids in 1914. The project was interrupted by World War I and was completed in 1933.

By that time, however, rivermen were calling for an increase to a nine-foot channel depth. New diesel towboats and barges were overtaking steamboats and required a deeper channel.

## Blasting a nine-foot channel

On July 3, 1930, Congress authorized a nine-foot channel project on the Upper Mississippi from St. Louis to St. Paul. A series of 26 locks and dams would turn the river into a stepping stone of pools.

The Corps began the project with Locks and Dam 15. In 1931, the Rock Island District moved into the Clock Tower Building to be closer to the work.

On March 15, 1934, almost all of the Rock Island Rapids disappeared beneath nine feet of water as Lock 15 became operational. Lock and Dam 14 at LeClaire was the last project to be completed, opening to traffic in June 1939.

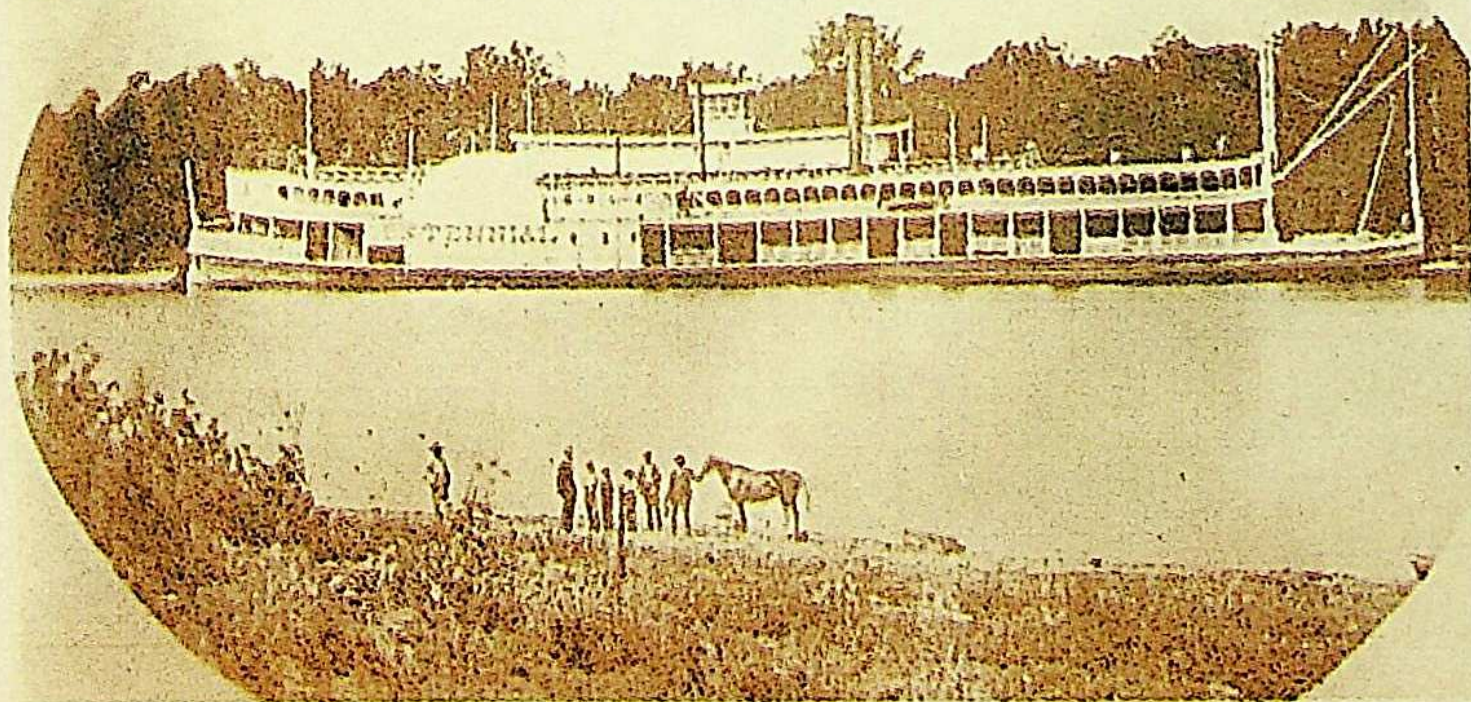
At last, 100 years later than Lt. Lee had estimated, the rapids were tamed.

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# gwaves

## POSTCARDS FROM THE PAST



**As old steamboats go, the Centennial was unusually long. It was built out of the former packet Tom Jasper and was badly damaged in an ice shove at St. Louis in 1876. Shortly afterward, the boat was lengthened. In off-seasons, the Centennial made trips south. On one of those trips, it was snagged and badly damaged in 1883. The boat's cargo was taken off by the steamer Saint Paul. It is not determined if the Centennial traveled as far upriver as the Quad-Cities.**



# Pioneer river pilot inducted into Hall of Fame

## ■ Suiter family shares ancestors river history

By Brian Rathjen  
NSP Staff Writer

During the early 1800s, pilots who traversed the Mississippi River feared the dreaded Rock Island Rapids.

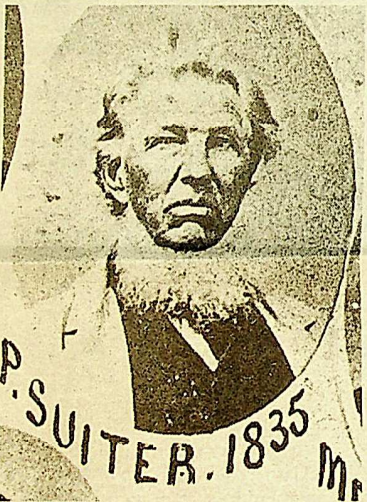
The rapids, after all, had a rock riverbed and was quite shallow. Officials with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers considered the rapids — located between Davenport and Rock Island — to be virtually impassable.

Few pilots, after all, knew how to navigate the Rock Island Rapids.

Capt. Philip Suiter was an exception.

For his efforts in conquering the once-feared Rock Island Rapids, Suiter has earned a place in the National Rivers Hall of Fame.

Suiter, the pioneer river pilot whose ancestors have settled in Scott County, was inducted during a Propeller Club meeting Dec. 15 in Davenport.



Philip Suiter

Steve Suiter, president of Great River Bank & Trust and Philip's great-great-grandson, admitted he was "absolutely impressed" by the research his aunt, Lois Suiter O'Malley, completed on the river captain.

"What's interesting is, how different our lives might have been if LeClaire were downstream from Davenport" and the Rock Island Rapids had not yet been mastered, he said.

O'Malley, who worked with historian Dick Stahl on researching Philip Suiter, called her great-great grandfather's induction "extraordinary."

"He was very self-reliant," said O'Malley, who is Steve Suiter's aunt. "I think it was his energy and determination, curiosity and spirit

of navigation that made him who he was. He was really taught to respect his family and vocation.

"He must have had enormous faith in his knowledge of the river," she continued. "To me, to hear what he did and how he did it in those days, is remarkable."

Jerry Enzler, executive director of the National Rivers Hall of Fame, noted that Suiter will join a prestigious gallery of notables who made their mark on the Mississippi River. Some of the more recognizable names include author Mark Twain; explorers Lewis and Clark, and Marquette and Joliet; steamboat inventor Robert Fulton; and jazz singer Louis Armstrong.

The Hall of Fame is part of the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium in Dubuque.

"He's got a tremendous history," said Enzler. "His work in learning to navigate the rapids and passing it on to future generations is a significant feat."

### Sharing his story

O'Malley and her family have long been aware of their heritage of piloting the Mississippi River and its rapids.

In fact, Philip Suiter and five of his descendants — sons John, William and Jacob; and grandson John Jr. and Zach Sr. — are all listed in Walter Blair's "A History of the Great Rafting Industry on the Upper Mississippi River — 1840-1915."

But it wasn't until recently that the Suiter family shared their ancestor's story with the National Rivers Hall of Fame.

O'Malley, a graduate of Coe College, became aware of the hall of fame after meeting with classmate John Bickel during a class reunion in 2002. Bickel was the chairman of the National Rivers Hall of Fame at the time.

"I said to John, 'Do I have a story to tell you,'" she recalled of the 2002 conversation. "After hearing my story about my great-great grandfather... and viewing some of my documentation, John advised me to write to the National Rivers Hall of Fame for an official nomination application."

The application was sent in August 2003. Suiter's was elected last fall, the first time his name appeared on the ballot.

### Pioneer pilot

It was Philip Suiter who headed the family class of pilots, and also led the way for countless pilots who followed in the years hence.

Suiter, an Ohio native born in 1799, learned about the rapids from two French-Indian voyagers. He quickly acquired his knowledge of the currents and undertows, river navigation charts and landmarks, helping him to become the "master of navigation."

Around 1825, the 26-year-old Suiter moved his young family to Iowa, constructing a boat of stretched white oak strips using grapevine twisters. The boat measured 25 feet long, and had a six-foot beam and 16



Lois Suiter O'Malley displays the paddlewheel-styled plaque her family received in honor of Capt. Philip Suiter's induction into the National Rivers Hall of Fame. The plaque will be displayed at Great River Bank & Trust in LeClaire. NSP photo by Brian Rathjen

inches of draft.

"He felt he built it just like Noah, who saved his family and animals," recalled O'Malley.

It took two years for the Suiters to reach LeClaire, where they eventually settled.

Suiter's knowledge of the Rock Island Rapids soon earned him the title "Rapids Pilot," the first pilot in the nation to hold that distinction. His expertise would be called upon many times during his lifetime.

Under his command, rafts and boats were able to safely traverse the treacherous Rock Island Rapids, which had been considered virtually impassable. Eventually, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers excavated the current nine-foot channel.

In 1837, when a young Army Lt. Robert E. Lee came to survey the rapids and map the east-west water route, he turned to Suiter to tell him everything he knew about the channel.

In 1856, the civil case Hurd vs. Rock Island Bridge Co. centered on the steamboat Effie Afton striking a pier on the Rock Island bridge, the first railroad bridge to cross the Mississippi River. The vessel and part of the bridge burned in the collision.

Suiter, testifying on behalf of the bridge builders, contended that any good river pilot could navigate through the draw and that the

bridge was no obstacle to navigation. That testimony won the case for the Rock Island Bridge Co. and its attorney, Abraham Lincoln.

During a drought in 1864, the Mississippi River sank to its lowest level in recorded history. Suiter used a copper spike to mark a ledge in the rock near his home. Suiter's Rock, as the landmark became known, became the standard gauge for low water mark, and became a tool adopted by the government.

Of course, there's likely many other stories about Suiter, who died in 1884, that have yet to be told.

Steve Suiter, whose oldest son is named Philip, noted that his family's connection to river piloting ended with his grandfather and great uncle, Zach Jr. and Charles. "(Their) dad (Zach Sr.) told them to train for other professions. He foresaw that, with the invention of the steam locomotive, river requirements would be slowed down or eliminated."

Indeed, Suiter's family soon made their mark in eastern Scott County in another profession: banking.

Even so, Philip Suiter's legacy as a river pilot lives on. Perhaps Blair wrote it best: "He was a master to the river, with none to compare him."

A pilot's wheel plaque, emblazoned with Suiter's name, will soon hang on the wall of Great River Bank & Trust's LeClaire branch.



## Deck Talk



PHOTO COURTESY OF KEVIN COLBY

**Jerry Enzler, executive director of the National Rivers Hall of Fame in Dubuque, presents a plaque to Lois Suiter O'Malley and Glen Suiter during the induction ceremony for their great great-grandfather, Philip Suiter.**

## Suiters gather for induction

**By Bill Wundram**  
ON THE RIVER

**M**embers of the Suiter family gathered in Davenport for the induction of their famous ancestor into the National Rivers Hall of Fame.

Philip Suiter joins such river luminaries as Mark Twain and Lewis and Clark in the Hall of Fame, which is a part of the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium at Dubuque.

Suiter was the first government-licensed free-floating raft pilot on the Rock Island Rapids between Davenport and LeClaire, Iowa.

Members of the Propeller Club of the Quad-Cities hosted the event, where the Suiter clan swapped tales of their famous forefather. There were stories of his little brick house — which he built in 1839 near LeClaire — that still stands and is being restored by the family.

During the dry season of 1864, the river was at its lowest-known level, and Suiter hammered a spike into a ledge of a rock near his brick home to mark the low-water mark. It became the standard gauge for low water and later was adopted by the government.

Members of the family have wondered if the rock is still there.

"If it is, the lock-and-dam system that ultimately tamed the rapids put that old rock in deep water," said Glen Suiter, the Philip Suiter's great great-grandson.

Suiter was recognized as an expert in piloting the rapids, testifying in *Hurd v. Rock Island Bridge Co.* When the steamer *Effie Afton* struck the first bridge to cross the river, steamboat interests sued, saying the bridge was a threat to navigation.

Suiter testified that the bridge was not an obstruction to any good river pilot. He helped win the case for the railroad company and its lawyer, Abraham Lincoln.



# HOMETOWNS

## YOUR PLANNER

### SENIORS

#### Bettendorf

■ Walking — From 10 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday through March 31 seniors ages 50 and older can walk the indoor track at Bettendorf Life Fitness Center, 2222 Middle Road, Bettendorf. An informational table will be available, and walkers can track their mileage. Cost is \$20 per month or \$3 for a daily drop-in fee. To register, call (563) 344-4119.

#### Davenport

■ Lunch — A fellowship lunch for senior citizens will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 3834 Rockingham Road, Davenport. Cost is by donation. For reservations, call (563) 324-3170.

■ GenAge Café — The Kimberly GenAge Café at Center for Active Seniors Inc., or CASI, Davenport, is closed for renovations as part of the CASI capital campaign to expand the senior center. The café will remain closed through February, but CASI Adult Day Care will remain open. All other GenAge Cafés in Scott County will remain open for noon meals for \$2.50 for seniors age 60 and older and their spouses. Each café also provides activities and conversation. For other locations of GenAge Cafés, call (563) 324-9085.

■ Construction at CASI — Due to construction, CASI activities have been temporarily relocated. Call ahead before attending regular activities, (563) 386-7477.

#### Rock Island

■ Taxes — The Rock Island County Senior Center is taking appointments for free income tax assistance on Saturdays. For more information, call Alice, (309) 788-6335.

■ Euchre — New participants are welcome to participate in euchre games at 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays at Rock Island County Senior Center, 2221 11th St., Rock Island. For more information, call (309) 788-6335.

#### Quad-City area

■ Medicare — For information or questions about Medicare benefits and costs, call the Senior Health Insurance Information Program, or SHIIP, at (800) 351-4664 or e-mail shiip@iia.state.ia.us. SHIIP counselors are available across Iowa to explain the benefits. SHIIP is a free, confidential service of the State of Iowa Insurance Division.

#### Senior meals

## Area residents set to honor first licensed rapids pilot on the river

Philip Suiter was accepted into hall of fame

By Mary Louise Speer  
QUAD-CITY TIMES

Guests attending the Henry Farnam Dinner on Wednesday evening will raise their glasses to the courage and tenacity of Philip Suiter of LeClaire, Iowa, the first licensed rapids pilot on the Mississippi River.

Lois Suiter O'Malley, his great-great-granddaughter, is responsible for undertaking a bumpy two-year journey to get Suiter's name accepted into the National Rivers Hall of Fame in Dubuque, Iowa. He was officially inducted Dec. 15.

Her journey "all came about because my brother, Glen, had Dick Stahl do a biography of our family. Philip Suiter was the very first rapids pilot to receive a license, and navigating the river was the source of his livelihood," she said.

Suiter lived from 1799-1884. His license came from the United States government. It endorsed his skills to provide rapids service on the Mississippi. Pilots guiding a steamboat or rafts through the stretch of the Mississippi running from LeClaire to Davenport had to know how to read the river.

The Rock Island Rapids in the 1800s was filled with boulders as tall as a man. Crews traversed the 15-mile stretch of river with great care to avoid tearing out the bottoms of their craft and possibly losing their loads or their lives.

O'Malley stumbled onto the idea of submitting her relative's name while attending her 60th class reunion. She visited with alumni Ruth and John Bickel, who was chairman of the National Rivers Hall of Fame.

"I said to John, 'Do I have a story to tell you,'" O'Malley recalled. "After hearing my story about my great-great-grandfather and viewing some of my documentation, John advised me to write to the National Rivers Hall of Fame."

Stahl, of Davenport and the first poet laureate of the Quad-Cities, helped her fill out the application.

They submitted the nomination in August 2003. O'Malley discovered that was just the beginning. She kept the quest



Jeff Cook/QUAD-CITY TIMES

Lois Suiter O'Malley of Davenport holds a plaque commemorating her great-great-grandfather's induction into the National Rivers Hall of Fame. Philip Suiter was a rapids pilot on the Mississippi River in the 1800s.

going as she submitted more documentation to Jerry Enzler, the museum's executive director, and visited with Gordon Kilgore, president of the Hall of Fame.

O'Malley and her brother, Glen Suiter, were born and raised in Princeton, Iowa. Both were warned by their parents to never, never go near the river, she said.

Their great-grandfather and their grandfather had followed Philip's example in plying a living on the river. But when their father, Zach Suiter Jr., came of age, the days of steamboating and heavy river commerce were ending. Boats did not interest him, she said. Instead, Zach Jr. found his niche on the banks of the river as cashier at Farmers Savings Bank of Princeton, Iowa.

But the lure of the river called to Glen. He built a small boat and asked his parents and sister if they wanted to take a ride. "My mother and dad got in the back seat, and I was in the front with Glen," she said. "I looked

back, and I saw the oil spilling out."

Zach Jr. hastily grabbed up a mat to shield his face from the flying droplets. "That was a funny experience, and I'll never forget it," O'Malley chuckled.

She is thrilled to have Philip Suiter listed in the gallery along with author Mark Twain, explorers Lewis and Clark and musician Louis Armstrong. The Hall of Fame was established in 1985 and is located at the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium in Dubuque.

Stahl's memoir further kindled her interest in her family's history and in the adventure-some riverboat pilot.

"In thinking back, we hope a little bit of his spirit and courage is still in our genes," she said. "There is so much history in our background. I think hopefully this will inspire other people to delve into their history and maybe find some treasure."

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### HENRY FARNAM DINNER

This year's Henry Farnam Dinner takes place Wednesday at the RiverCenter in downtown Davenport. The event celebrates the 150th anniversary of the completion of the first railroad bridge across the Mississippi River. The bridge connected the towns of Rock Island and Davenport with the eastern United States.

The cost is \$35 per person with cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. For more information, call Kathy Wine at River Action Inc. at (563) 322 2969.

### EARLY SETTLER

Philip Suiter was one of the first white settlers to come to Scott County from Ohio. An industrious man, he built his own boat in Ohio for the journey to Iowa. The 25-foot-long craft carried all of his belongings as he brought his second wife, Nancy, and their children to the area in 1836.

Philip learned how to navigate the Mississippi River rapids with the skilled assistance of two men who were half-Native American and half-French. He learned that the challenges posed by the rapids could be overcome, researcher Dick Stahl said. His services were in great demand by steamboats and raft crews to safely take them through the 15-mile stretch, and he charged \$5 a trip for his services.

"As the story goes, he helped Robert E. Lee map the rapids in 1837. Later, he helped Abraham Lincoln at the Effie Afton trial," Stahl said. "Philip argued together with Abraham Lincoln that boats could navigate through the railroad bridge if properly piloted."

In 1884, he was elected president of the Pioneer Settlers' Association of Scott County. He died in 1884 and is buried in Glendale Cemetery in LeClaire.

His home in west LeClaire still exists, and the brick house is being restored by descendant Mary Stoddard.



# HOME & GARDEN

## MEET OUR MARATHA

### Betty Carter of Princeton finds time for it all

By Brandy Welvaert  
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Curve around the gravel road that leads to Betty Carter's home in rural Princeton, Iowa, and you can't miss them — two swans nuzzled together on a shallow pond.

In summer, just pulling into Ms. Carter's drive is breathtaking, her friends say. Flowers bloom, vegetables burst with color, and bees buzz as they busily pollinate the fruit trees on the 3½-acre plot.

It's enough to make Martha Stewart herself green with envy.

► **For Betty Carter, there is time for canning fresh veggies, keeping bees, harvesting honey, making cherry cordial, flower-pressing, cooking, baking, candle-making ...**

When Ms. Carter's friend of 29 years, Julie Davis, nominated her for the "Most Like Martha" contest sponsored by The Dispatch, The Rock Island Argus and The Leader, she wrote in her letter that it's a 10-acre plot. An easy mistake to make.

Being inside Ms. Carter's impeccably decorated house, gazing out the big windows of her sunroom onto her rolling piece of land, just makes a person feel like there's enough space for everyone, and enough time for everything.

For Ms. Carter — who won the contest gardening-gloved-hands down — there is time for canning fresh veggies in the summer, keeping bees, harvesting honey, making cherry cordial, rubber-stamping, flower-pressing, cooking, baking, party-hosting, candle-making and more.

If you're thinking this "Martha" sounds like a spoiled country woman



Todd Mizener / staff

Betty Carter of Princeton, Iowa, is the winner of the 'Most Like Martha' contest, sponsored by The Dispatch, The Rock Island Argus and The Leader. Ms. Carter, a trauma nurse at Genesis East, works 12-hour shifts and still finds time to grow her own fruit, keep bees, make honey and hand-twisted candles, and cook.

with time to spare, you can rest assured she's not. Ms. Carter is a full-time trauma nurse at Genesis East Campus, an active master gardener, and a volunteer parish nurse for her church, Cornerstone Baptist in Eldridge, Iowa.

She almost forgets to mention volunteering with a team of Genesis staffers in Baton Rouge, La., after Hurricane Katrina. Her achievements, however, don't go unnoticed by her friends.

"She makes us feel bor-

ing," says LaVonne Irving with a smile and nod toward her friend.

"She's hyper!" jokes another friend, Billie DeCap, who's also a neighbor.

As Martha would, Ms. Carter rebounds with a

► **Read Julie Davis' nominating letter, A7.**

little PR.

"I'm not hyper. I have high energy!" she retorts, flashing a girlfriends-only smile their way.

When she read about the contest — which asked readers to identify the "Martha Stewart" in their lives — Ms. Davis says she immediately thought of her friend, who once hosted a garden wedding with 400 guests in her own back yard.

"I'm, like, I do! I know someone who reminds me of Martha!" Ms. Davis says.

Last year, Ms. Carter sat in Oprah's audience during the talk-show host's "Favorite Things" show. Yes, that show.

The gifts she received include a Burberry coat, a \$2,000 wristwatch, a laptop computer, and a bunch of other stuff she barely remembers. That's because she gave most of it away, says her granddaughter, Stephanie Petty.

Also like Martha, Ms. Carter enjoys teaching her skills to others. Ms. Petty and Sarah Carter, another granddaughter, remember their grandmother teaching them to stamp and emboss stationery to give as Christmas gifts. They get the giggles when they remember stamping the kitchen table when Grandma wasn't home.

Perhaps unlike Martha, Ms. Carter took the damaged table in stride. The girls' little experiment — in the shape of a flower — isn't covered up with a tablecloth. Ms. Carter just smiles and shakes her head as she rubs her fingers over the mark.

"There are just three things you need," she says. "Good family, good friends and good health. I have all three."

As Martha would say, "It's a good thing."



# Princeton: Department needs more space

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to volunteer.

In meeting with the city council, Wold applauded the city's efforts to keep his department well equipped. The Princeton Fire Department has acquired quite a bit of new equipment in recent years to better serve a growing community. Unfortunately, housing that equipment has become a challenge.

"We've got millions of dollars worth of trucks and equipment here and it's hard to find places to put everything, to get the level of service (we need) out of the fire department," Wold lamented. "(City leaders) have been generous enough to help us get all the equipment. But now we're to a (point) where we don't have room to put it. We've had to pay for storage lots to store some of our equipment. That's all adding up."

He said Princeton Fire currently shares space with the city's Public Works Department. "We've got the first four stalls and public works has got two stalls on the north end," the chief said, adding that two smaller stalls were built on awhile back to store salt.

Because of space constraints, some of the bays have to accommodate two vehicles — one parked behind the other. That can require some jockeying of trucks when a call comes in, further adding to the safety concerns. "When we have a fire call, we have to move our medical (rigs) out of the way to get our fire stuff out. When you've got trucks moving around and in and out, I'm just afraid someone's going to get hurt," the chief said. "It's dangerous enough at a fire scene, but to get hurt before you get out the doors is another thing."

He said the cramped quarters also make it difficult to conduct training exercises or perform routine maintenance on the vehicles. "When we have to do training that involves the trucks, usually we have to pull all the trucks out of the building just to do anything. And maintenance is an issue. You can hardly get the doors open on the trucks to do what you need to do inside of them."

The Princeton City Council is looking into a few of Wold's suggestions to help alleviate the overcrowding problem. They include relocating the public works department and dedicating the entire facility to PFD, or building on to the structure and combining all city functions into one building.

Wold said there is sufficient room to add on to the structure, located on busy Highway 67. Offices could possibly be added above new storage bays to accommodate the public works department. "We've got quite a bit of room to the north to expand," he said. That isn't the case on the south end, where a meeting room and offices for PFD were recently constructed with help from riverboat grants.

## Department should stay put

Wold indicated he is not in favor of moving the fire department at this time. The existing station is in a centrally located area with easy accessibility. In addition, PFD has a lot of fixed equipment, making it more difficult and costly to relocate fire crews to another facility. "Our system for filling the air packs is permanent. The power washers are permanent. It would cost a lot of money to move (everything) to another building."

But something needs to be done, he believes. Right now it takes some skillful maneuvering for drivers to back the fire trucks into the packed station, and the situation is only going to get worse as trucks get bigger, he fears.

The department currently owns six trucks and two boats (the latter for river rescue). The station also houses a 1940 fire truck that PFD takes to parades. "It's parked on good tile out here because we don't have any (other) place for it."

With the need for bigger and better equipment in the coming years, space will become even more of a problem, Wold explained. "We need to plan for the future. The newer houses are getting so tall — we just don't have the capabilities to get on the roof to ventilate," he said. "We're going to have to work into a ladder truck or aerial pumper. That's another

truck we're going to have to find room for."

Princeton Fire handles between 125-150 calls a year, and the number has "grown steadily," according to the chief. "It's going to be a continual adjustment — especially for a rural volunteer fire department," he commented.

Wold cited the case of nearby LeClaire, a fast-growing community whose fire department built a new, spacious station to serve its needs for years to come. "It's a challenge to try to keep up with it — the new buildings and new firefighting techniques," he noted.

It's also a challenge attracting new members for the department, but Wold has made it his goal to do just that.

"The hard part we have now is filling the daytime positions, and even the nighttime positions are going down. We're going to start a recruitment campaign in the next month or two to try to get people involved (from the community)," said Wold, who joined the department five years ago after receiving a recruitment letter in the mail.

He hopes to add 10-20 members to the department's roster, which now numbers around 25.

## Highly trained

Wold, a track inspector for Iowa, Chicago and Eastern Railroad, said he's been concerned about the negative press volunteer departments have been getting after a recent fire caused extensive damage to a large, new home in Bettendorf. With only a few paid staffers, that city relies on a number of volunteers for its fire protection.

The chief emphasized that his volunteer crew members receive the same level of rigorous training and undergo the same certification as firefighters who do that for a living.

"We're not just a bunch of country bumpkins .... We take the same tests they do, the same trainings they do, the same amount of continuing education hours," said Wold, who is personally certified as a First Responder and a Firefighter Level II. "When we have a

fire call or a medical call, our people are as highly trained as the (paid) professionals. It's just that we do it for free, because we have the love for the community."

The chief said his department pays for the volunteers' training so that will not be a barrier to participation. "We encourage all of our members to try to become certified firefighters and (certified in) medical. Most people, if they're willing to put the time into the fire department, are willing to put in the time for that."

Wold admits that firefighting offers that "adrenalin rush" on which some thrive. But most join the department simply because they want to help people.

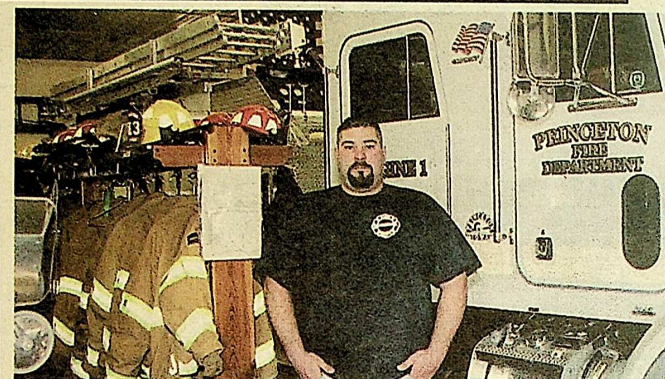
"That's the big reason," he said. "It's a commitment. It's time away from your family. But it's (about) helping and that's why we're here. We don't get a check. A lot of times we don't even get a 'thank you' because people just expect us to be there, and we are."

A 34-year-old father of two, Wold gets satisfaction in knowing he's made a difference in his adopted community. For him, being fire chief has become like a part-time job — a vital job.

Notes Wold: "Anything that takes time away from my family has to be very important. And I think the fire department is. Some day it could be my family (in need of assistance) and I would hope that there would be people here to respond ...."

## NS Class of '87 begins planning its reunion

Members of North Scott's Class of 1987 will meet on Thursday, Feb. 15, at 6 p.m., at Lancers Grille in Eldridge to begin planning their 20-year class reunion. Anyone interested in being a part of this process is encouraged to attend; input from as many classmates as possible is needed. For information, contact Chris (Willis) Baldwin at 285-6711.



Princeton's new fire chief, Bruce Wold, believes that the city has outgrown its current fire station facility. Firefighters don their gear just a few feet from where emergency vehicles are pulling out, creating a safety issue, he argues. NSP Photo by Barb Geerts

# Princeton fire chief tackles safety issues

By Barb Geerts  
NSP Staff Writer

Being a firefighter has inherent risks. But Princeton's new fire chief, Bruce Wold, doesn't think his crew should be dealing with safety hazards before they even leave the station.

Wold told the Princeton City Council last month that he's concerned about a space crunch that has volunteer firefighters donning their gear within a few feet of fire trucks racing out the bay doors.

"It's becoming a safety issue as far as I'm concerned," he said. "There may be 20-25 people in here trying to get their gear on and you're only a foot or two away from trucks that are pulling out," said Wold, who took over as fire chief on Jan. 1. He took over for former Chief Roger Woomert, who had served in the top position for 13 years and continues

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# Public Notice

## Princeton city council

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Iowa, met in regular session on Thursday February 8, 2007 in the Council Chambers at Princeton City Hall. Mayor Youngers presided. Roll Call: Present: Stearman, Meachem, Miller, and Kernan. Absent: Lee.

Mayor Youngers opened the meeting with Public Comments upon matters on the agenda. There were none. Consent agenda approved by unanimous vote on a Motion made by Miller, seconded by Meachem.

Receipts for January  
General Fund.....\$3874.56  
Expendable Trusts.....201.38  
Special Revenue.....17,170.35  
Debt Service.....97.47  
Capitol Improvement.....2602.50  
Proprietary.....15,110.98  
Total receipts.....\$39,057.24

Bills approved for payment:  
AC Lock Service, rekey city hall.....\$117.50  
Advanced Auto Parts, brake parts.....38.99  
Bi-State Regional Commis, dues.....242.25  
Bowman, Steve, payroll exp.....1,968.32  
Bryant, Chris, payroll exp.....2,256.56  
Carter, Scott, payroll exp.....917.76  
Casey's General Store, gas for squad.....125.44  
Fred's Gas and Car Wash, gas for trucks.....497.58  
Great River Bank & Trust, payroll tax.....2,859.55  
Griffith's Auto Stop, il truck parts.....23.45  
Hewlett-Packard Company, monitor.....199.00  
Howard Press & Associates, zip drive, cord.....310.00  
Iowa Telecom, telephone.....448.24  
IPERS, payroll exp.....1,300.06  
Jim Dirksen, computer install.....180.00  
K & K Hardware, hose for fire dept.....54.74  
MBNA America Business Ca, aol, pager, compute.....2,073.35

MidAmerican Energy, gas & electric.....2,251.98  
Morthland, Colleen, payroll exp.....1,533.02  
MSA Professional Service, engineering.....12,244.25  
North Scott Press, The, publications.....185.82  
Northern Safety Co. Inc., gloves, sign.....37.97  
Office of Vehicle Service, salvage inspect.....640.00  
Portz's Garage, repair tire.....24.00  
Postmaster, utility mailing.....115.58  
Princeton, City of, water, sewer.....53.19  
Q C Metallurgical Labors, water testing.....725.00  
QC Council of Police Chi, dues.....30.00  
Quill Corporation, lockbox, paper.....137.25  
Shive Hattery Inc., class.....20.00  
Staples Credit Plan, modem.....89.96  
Temps Now, temp employee.....1,124.75  
Thomson, Karen, payroll exp.....1,644.61  
Treasurer - State of Iowa, payroll tax.....1,318.10  
Treasurer - State of Iowa, payroll tax.....254.00  
Truenorth Companies, LC, insurance.....97.52  
United States Cellular, cellular service.....94.57  
Verizon, long distance.....43.08  
Water Management Service, wastewater serv.....1,150.00  
Wellmark Blue Cross Blue, insurance.....1,195.02  
Grand totals.....\$38,622.44

Fund totals  
General Fund.....\$15,172.94  
Road Use.....4,143.89  
Capital Improvement Fund.....4,495.00  
Water.....6,459.51  
Sewer.....8,351.10  
Totals.....\$38,622.44

Committee Reports  
Stearman- Water & Sewer: We have looked at a few other sights for the water tower. We are looking into the most cost effective areas. Other than that it has been pretty quiet. He asked that the engineer to discuss the sites with him after the meeting.

Meachem- Community Service: Chief Bryant has been in contact with the school to discuss the sidewalks, and parking during drop off and pick up times. We have one step to approve tonight to help with the safety of the children.

Miller- Buildings: There will be a Boll's Committee Meeting on February 13, 2007 at 7:10 p.m. and a blood drive on March 24, 2007. She believes that the building is reserved every week end in March.

Kernan- Streets: MSA has sent us an estimate to update the Ordinances for the City. This is city wide, sidewalks, sewer, water, and streets. With the new sub-divisions coming in we need to get ahead of the game. There was a committee that met with the Engineers, and these items were discussed. Is this something that we can work on? Stearman asked if someone was going to take the ball and run with it. We need to have a breakdown of this billing so that we can charge the correct proprietary, if we do this. We need to work with Planning & Zoning on this also. Kernan, and Meachem think that some of the preliminary work can be done by Council. We have some hefty expenses coming this year, with the water tower and Chestnut Street. He also brought up the estimate of \$698.00 to repair the snowplow truck. There is a whole rusted through a channel, we want to get that fixed in April. We also have an estimate for the tractor of \$2600.00. I think we should look at selling the tractor, and getting something else. The web-site has the land use map on it know, so you can take a look at it.

Wold- Fire Department: Nothing at this time. Kernan brought up the article in the North Scott Press regarding the Fire Department. I have estimates from a couple of years ago, when we looked into combining city offices. To put a pole barn up at the city park for public works was about \$12,000.00. The water and sewer would run us approximately \$40.00 per foot. Meachem asked if we had quotes for extending the municipal building. Kernan asked what does the fire department need? He said that Woomert had talked about the future need of an aerial truck. Woomert said that is coming, that is unneatable. If we ad on to just the end, is that going to be enough for the fire department, or are we beating our heads against the wall. A resident asked what the last addition was on the fire department. Woomert replied that is a training room, and for all listening, that room did not cost anyone in this city one red penny. The resident replied he understands that the training room is used for storage. He is mistaken. The one small garage unit next to public works stores city items. Kernan asked Woomert how much room an aerial would take. Woomert commented that it is 35 foot long. We also have a boat that is sideways in the back of trucks.

Wold commented that it would be nice to have garage up at the park to get all the culvert, piles of sand, and rock out of the downtown area. We have a garage that we could put a truck in. Miller would like to see everything along the highway in one building. Wold also commented that the city offices could be upstairs with access of the alley. Stearman commented that we could use the area by city hall. There is room. We are at least two months away from being to build anyway. Meachem commented that we need to look at different scenarios and bring them to the next meeting. We do not want to just band aid the situation. There is room at the park for another baseball diamond and the public works building. We will continue to look at this.

Morgan- Park Board: We will have a meeting at the end of the month; we did not have one last month as I had a couple that could not make it. I am checking on the internet and with other cities in equipment for the skate park.

Meachem- Planning & Zoning: Bi-State attended the last meeting and presented the Land Use Plan maps. They are getting along well with the plans. The next meeting is February 27, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

Saur- City Engineer: The street project is basically done. Steve Thompson wants to come down and meet with Council and discuss the final project.

Merchie- Waste/Water Operator: Not in attendance- dropped off his reports for the month.

Harthorn- Sidewalks: At this point I will tell you that there is not a sidewalk committee. I have repeatedly tried to have a meeting with the Mayor. I understand that he is a busy man. I am requesting a mission statement, organizational structure for that commission. I would rather not report monthly on something that is not happening.

The Mayor then spoke about Woomert retiring from the Fire Department. He thought we should have something for him at the Community Center. He will check with City Clerk.

The Mayor then asked the Council if they would be willing to pay for a Chiro for public works employee Bowman. His Chiropractor is not on the insurance, and the Dr.'s that are on the plan cannot adjust him. He claims that from plowing snow the other day he is all out of wack. Stearman made comment that we are not changing policy or setting precedence with one employee.

Mayor also brought up a complaint about noise. The business is in a commercial area, and the resident is in the same area but a home residence, per the Mayor. The business owner is willing to work with the residents on the problem if he new who the Princeton Neighborhood Associations members where that originally sent the letter. The city has no idea who the Association is or who formed it. A council member stated that the two businesses' downtown have been there longer than any residence in that area. The residents are encroaching on the commercial industry. That is the problem with having residential in the commercial downtown area.

The Mayor then read Ordinance 260, pertaining to stop signs. Motion to waive the second and third reading made by Stearman, seconded by Meachem. Roll Call: All ayes MC

Motion to approve Ordinance 260 by Stearman, seconded by Meachem. Roll Call: All ayes MC  
There was discussion on the stop sign at Fifth and Franklin only being one way stop. This is to slow traffic coming down the hill on Fifth. There is currently not a cross walk there. There was discussion on a truck parked on the street and in the way of plowing. Chief Bryant will make a phone call. Miller made comment on Bike Path meeting will be at Community Center on March. Kernan made comment on budget we need to make some cuts. There will be a budget meeting on Thursday February 15, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

With no further discussion, Meachem motioned to adjourn, seconded by Miller. Roll Call: All ayes.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Approved:  
Keith Youngers, Mayor

Attest:  
Karen Thomson, City Clerk/Treasurer

2006 GROSS WAGES	
Bryant, Chris.....	\$41,637.36
Youngers, Keith.....	1500.00
Meachem, Cilla.....	360.00
Kernan, Kevin.....	360.00
Woomert, Roger.....	220.00
Carter, Scott.....	12,810.68
Morthland, Colleen.....	26,209.63
Stearman, David.....	360.00
Bowman, Steve.....	32,641.34
Isom, Raymond.....	3,914.45
Thomson, Karen.....	27,114.45
Miller, Penelope.....	380.00
Lee, Mark.....	320.00
Total.....	\$146,993.46

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Commissioners with the Scott County Soil & Water Conservation District are, front row (l-r) Molly Regan, Kathy Henningsen and Jane Weber. Back: Chad Dexter and George Braden.

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# Home & Design 15

## Old LeClaire grocery gets new life after major rehab

By Tushar Rae  
BETTENDORF NEWS

A part of LeClaire's past recently got a facelift when Mike Wolfe restored the old Green Tree Grocery. The building, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, served as the community's grocery in the past and has been transformed into a modern space.

Wolfe said the idea behind the project was to keep the historic elements of the building intact and correct, while bringing the building up to date. The building now consists of two retail spaces downstairs and a living space on the second and third floors.

**Q:** How did you hear about this building?

**Mike Wolfe:** I have lived LeClaire for 10 years and have always liked this building. I tried to buy it from the owners, but unfortunately was not able to. Once they passed away, I bought it from their grandson. I used to walk by it and wanted to buy it.

**Q:** What was the state of the building when you bought it?

**MW:** The building was structurally sound, but the previous owners had gutted the whole



The main floor of has retail space available for rent, and living space on the second and third floors.

downstairs grocery store and had lived downstairs. They originally lived upstairs, with a grocery store downstairs, but when they closed the grocery store, they moved downstairs. Upstairs, they had left a complete living space intact. There were still sheets on the beds; they simply choose to buy all new items when they moved downstairs.

**Q:** What was the purpose behind restoring this building?

**MW:** We wanted to provide more retail and living space downtown. It was not just a

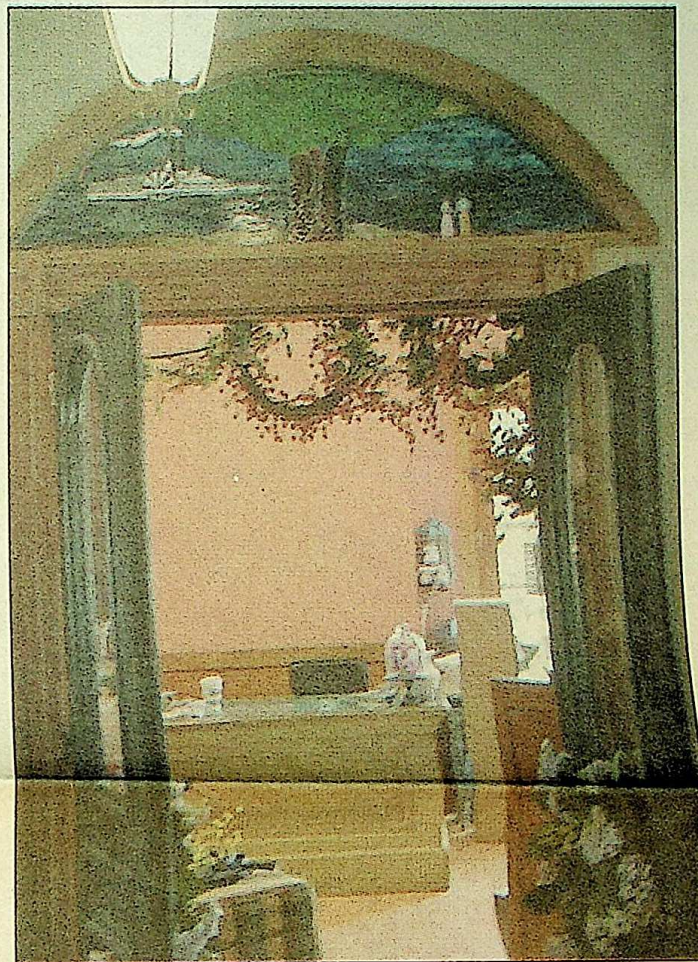
building but a social destination; we wanted to bring some of that back.

**Q:** Why did you decide to incorporate historic elements of the building?

**MW:** We really did not want to change the character of the building.

**Q:** Which elements did you keep and which did you add?

**MW:** We transformed the downstairs back into a commercial space and kept the picture windows downstairs. We also added awnings, which were present on the older building.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

The famous Green Tree in LeClaire is remembered in stained glass in the newly renovated building that used to be the grocery of the same name.

**Q:** Did you always plan on using salvaged and recycled materials?

**MW:** I always wanted to use

(salvaged materials.) You can't recreate these materials. The floor downstairs is the original



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floor and the original ceiling. That was one of the first things I checked as soon as I bought the building. I ran over with a ladder and knocked a hole in the sheetrock to see what was underneath. Also, we found the side windows in the basement. The doors to retail space on the left are actually from the Ryan's Insurance Building, which is right down the street.

**Q:** What did the courtyard look like when you bought this building?

**MW:** It was dead space. From what I have heard an old owner, Chappy Morgan, had actually put in a putting green.

**Q:** Why did you decide to put the courtyard in?

**MW:** We wanted to provide a garden atmosphere in the downtown area. The downtown area needed a green space, not

just building after building after building.

**Q:** Who did the work for the courtyard?

**MW:** My girlfriend (Jodi Faeth) did the landscaping. She has a green thumb. The stonework was done by my brother.

**Q:** What has been the community's reaction to the restoration?

**MW:** The reaction has been good. We have people come by and say "We have lived here for years, but we have never seen the inside of this building."

**Q:** Did you always plan to live in the building?

**MW:** The plan was always to create a living space about the retail space, but I did not want to live here. But, once the project got started, my girlfriend and I decided that we had to live here.

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# Princeton

## R. Keith Havenhill

PRINCETON, Iowa — R. Keith Havenhill, 71, of Princeton, Iowa, died Tuesday, October 17, 2006, at Genesis Medical Center-East Campus, Davenport.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Saturday, October 21, 2006, at



Havenhill

McGinnis-Chambers Funeral Home, Bettendorf. Visitation will be 10 a.m.

until time of the services on Saturday. Burial with military honors conducted by American Legion Buffalo Bill Post 347 of LeClaire, Iowa, will be at Oakridge Cemetery, Princeton. Memorials may be made to the family.

Keith was born April 6, 1935, in Wapello, Iowa, the son of Samuel and Beula (Marlette) Havenhill. He served in the United States Army and the Army Reserves and was honorably discharged in December 1959.

He was united in marriage to Katherine M. Reep on September 19, 1958, in LeClaire. She preceded him in death on October 10, 1995.

Keith served with the Princeton Volunteer Fire Department for 35 years, and he also spent time teaching fire safety and awareness to school children. He also had been employed at Alcoa Company, Davenport Works, for 37 years.

He was a member of the Princeton Lions Club, the National Rifle Association and First Medical Responders.

He enjoyed fishing, collecting guns and knives, and was an enthusiast of John Wayne films.

Those left to honor his memory include his daughters and son-in-law, Dawn McMeen and Allan Pillard, of Princeton, and Bambi and John Rankin, of Princeton; his sons and daughters-in-law, Curtis Havenhill and Debbie Engel, of Princeton, and David Havenhill and Carrie Ahlgren, of Princeton; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; his special friend, Mary Jane Brown, of Princeton; and his brothers and sisters-in-law, Samuel and Lois Havenhill, of Princeton, and Roger and Beverly Havenhill, of LeClaire.

In addition to his wife, Katherine, he was preceded in death by his parents and his mother-in-law, Joyce Reep.

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Gertrude Sawyer



## Gertrude Sawyer

Services for Gertrude I. Sawyer, 86, of Davenport, were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 17 at Zion Lutheran Church, Princeton. Burial was in Summit Cemetery, Davenport. The Weerts Funeral Home, Davenport, was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Sawyer died Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2005, at Bickford Cottage, Davenport.

Gertrude McGrew was born May 23, 1919, the daughter of Ernest and Irene (Hall) McGrew. She married Harold Sawyer on June 6, 1942, in Springville, Iowa. He died Nov. 15, 1975.

The couple farmed in Scott County for many years. Mrs. Sawyer was a schoolteacher in Linn County, at Cody Elementary, LeClaire, and in the North Scott Community Schools at Princeton. She also taught piano lessons. In the early 1950s she served as an organist for Zion Lutheran Church, Princeton.

After her retirement she enjoyed traveling.

Memorials may be made to the church building fund or to the North Scott Educational Foundation.

Survivors include daughters, Phyllis and husband Danny Nickson, Oxted, England, and Kathryn and husband Steven Johnson, Bettendorf; a son, Norman and wife Lorna, Princeton; grandchildren, Marcus (Emma) Johnson, Kara (Patrick) Hobart, Herbert Sawyer, Neal Sawyer, and Sarah Sawyer, Iowa City; a sister, Lillian and husband Daryl Stuhr, Peru, Ill.; and brothers, Merle and wife Harriet McGrew, Springville, and James and wife Mary Lou McGrew, Palatine, Ill.

Online condolences may be expressed at [www.weertsfh.com](http://www.weertsfh.com)





**Mr. and Mrs. Steven Billups**



**Mr. and Mrs. Billups in 1971**

### **Billups**

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Billups, Princeton, Iowa, will be celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary.

Nancy Ann Johnson and Steven James Billups were married January 23, 1971, at St. James Catholic Church, Princeton.

Mr. Billups is employed at W.G. Block, Scott County, and Ready-Mix, Davenport.

Mrs. Billups is employed at Virgil Grissom Elementary, Princeton, as a teacher.

The couple's children and their spouses are Meghan Billups, Monmouth, Ill., and Nathan Billups, Iowa City, Iowa.



## Your Community Leaders

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the sake of products are just that – products. However, products which actually produce trustworthy results are hard to find these days. Our leaders at Great River Bank & Trust will work hard to have your financial questions answered and your financial needs met. We will work hard to find the best possible solution and results for your situation.

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Our staff exemplifies trustworthiness and results, both of which you can count on with Great River Bank & Trust. The next time you are in or on the phone with one of our friendly staff members, please take an opportunity to thank our community leaders. I know I have and will continue to do so.

From our family to yours,  
**Stephen G. Suiter**  
President/CEO



## OUR FAMILY MEANS BUSINESS

A few years ago, Great River Bank & Trust launched a marketing campaign titled, "Our Family Means Business." This phrase certainly stood true for Jane Lakeman, daughter of Great River Bank's past President and current Chairman Emeritus, Glen Suiter, when she joined the family business over seventeen years ago.



Although she has been with the bank for so long, Jane noted that banking wasn't an industry her father or family had imposed upon her. "It was something I knew how to do, and I felt comfortable."

In fact, she liked it so much that she worked as a Part Time Teller for Brenton National Bank in Des Moines while majoring in Business at Drake University in Des Moines. She then moved to Denver, Colorado, and began working for a bank. It seemed like everyone in Colorado had a college degree so she needed to get her foot in the door by starting as a Teller for Dominion National Bank in downtown Denver. After being a front-line teller for three months, she was promoted to the Loan Secretary for the bank's President and Chairman. After two years, she moved to Grand Junction, Colorado and also worked in a bank, Intra-West Bank, until she returned to Denver and became a Loan Review Analyst for Colorado National.

Jane made the move back to the Quad Cities in April of 1990. She began working at the Princeton location part-time with her father as his Left Hand and doing loan review. Dorothy Cole was his Right Hand. "I worked Saturday afternoons and Sundays, because that's when my Dad liked to work!" she said with a smile. Since the bank also owns an Insurance Agency, Great River Financial Services, she was required to get her insurance license as well. "I was exposed to a lot of different areas of banking." After working in Princeton for eight years, she moved to the LeClaire branch for seven and has now moved back to Princeton, into her father's beautiful office. "My father retired in

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September, 2002, so his office has been vacant," Jane said.

In her entire history with Great River Bank & Trust, Jane has only missed two Board of Directors meetings and became a Director January 2007. She was honored to replace her Aunt Lois Suiter O'Malley. Lois had taken her mother's place on the board back in 1960. After years of volunteering her time to the LeClaire's Tug Fest parade and special projects, five years ago she became Vice President of LeClaire Tug Fest. She also has held such positions as Treasurer of LeClaire Youth Baseball, Director and Treasurer of the LeClaire Office of Tourism, and Treasurer of the LeClaire Chamber of Commerce.

Steve Suiter, President of the bank, as well as her brother, commented on Jane's take charge attitude. "Jane is capable of picking up the ball and running with it. Great River Bank provided her with potpourri of projects and

responsibilities where Jane was able to grow...She has a high level of professionalism instilled inside her."

"I've had a lot of great opportunities here...I even remember back when I was a little girl, my dad would work nights at the bank and take us with him. My sister and I would roll chairs back and forth and eat the candy...it's a wonder how he got anything done with us there! When I was sixteen, I was a teller, handled the mail and filed checks," she laughed.

On the subject of getting things done, Jane has continued her education to expand her knowledge within the banking industry. She is a graduate of the Iowa School of Banking, Dale Carnegie, and the ICBA Certification Program. She serves as Vice President, Internal Auditor, and Assistant Trust Officer for the bank as well as Human Resource Manager.

"I have worked in big banks in big cities. I saw many people come and go. When I came here, I really appreciated the small town atmosphere and the ability to be able to do so many different things." She recalled when she had just moved back, and the clutch went out of her car between the highway and railroad tracks in Princeton. Residents came to her rescue and helped her out. "This would have never happened in Denver! No one would have cared...I think the bank tries to help the community and employees in much the same way to the best of our ability."

In looking through her years, Jane is most proud of the fact that she never shied away from the smallest of projects to the biggest of challenges. She reflects back on her father's popular phrase that he repeated numerous times to his children. She smirks as she realizes she, also, believes in its truth: "The harder you work, the luckier you get."

## STRANGER DANGER

by Kevin Keck, Bank Security Officer

Every parent knows about stranger danger, and we tell our children not to talk to or go with strangers. As adults, we need to remember this wise advice when buying from or selling to people we do not know. Unfortunately, there are many financial con artists out there waiting to take your money. Con artists come in all shapes and sizes and can be very deceiving. Here are some helpful tips to keep you from becoming a victim of financial crime:

**1** If you do not know them, do not trust them! If you are selling something, do not give the purchaser anything until you have brought their payment to your bank. This is especially true for travelers' checks,

business and official bank checks. There is a chance these forms of payment may be counterfeit. If you give them the goods you are selling and they give you a counterfeit check, you have become the victim of a financial crime. You were just robbed!

**2** NEVER, NEVER, NEVER keep your PIN number with your ATM or Debit card, and NEVER, NEVER, NEVER give your PIN number to anyone else! You are responsible for keeping your PIN number a secret, and when you allow it to become compromised, you become responsible for any money a thief takes. It is very unlikely a thief will correctly guess your four digit PIN. Report a lost or stolen card to your

financial institution immediately. We can turn the card off and protect your money.

**3** If it's too good to be true, it is! You are not going to receive a large sum of money from a foreign national or from a lottery or sweepstakes you did not buy a ticket for. No legitimate business or government is going to use your bank account to move millions of dollars, leaving you 10% for your trouble. If you are contacted about something that seems too good to be true, call us. We would never block you from doing a legitimate transaction, so please use us as the voice of reason. We have stopped a dozen customers from losing money in bogus schemes. If you talk with us, we will help you.



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## Peggy Dannatt

Services for Marian "Peggy" C. Dannatt, 92, of Bettendorf, were held 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4 at the McGinnis-Chambers Funeral Home, Bettendorf. Burial was in the Davenport Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Dannatt died Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2007, at the Clarissa C. Cook Hospice House, Bettendorf.

Peggy Blocker was born May 15, 1915, in Princeton, the daughter of Edward and Pearl (Titcomb) Blocker. She married Gayle Dannatt on May 28, 1971. He died April 27, 1996.

Mrs. Dannatt had been employed as a housecleaner for many years.

She was a member of the Moose Lodge #28, Davenport.

Mrs. Dannatt enjoyed playing bingo, cards, bowling, fishing and spending time with her beloved family.

Memorials may be made to the Clarissa C. Cook Hospice House.

Survivors include daughters, Myrna Dannatt, Phoenix, Ariz., and Valjean and husband Jim Rasche, Mahomet, Ill.; a son,

**Peggy  
Dannatt**



Robert Reed and wife Lois, Davenport; 11 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; a sister, Irene Pokorny, Davenport; and a goddaughter, Debra Carter, McCausland.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents and three sisters.

Online condolences may be made at [www.McGinnis-Chambers.com](http://www.McGinnis-Chambers.com)

## Princeton

### Audrey C. Kane

PRINCETON, Iowa — Audrey C. Kane, 73, of Princeton, Iowa, passed away on Sunday, October 21, 2007, at Trinity Pathway Hospice in Bettendorf.

Her funeral service will be held at 10 a.m.



**Kane**

Wednesday, October 24, 2007, at the McGinnis-Chambers Funeral Chapel in Bettendorf. Burial

will be in Salem Lutheran Cemetery, Princeton. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Trinity Pathway Hospice.

She was born February 27, 1934, in rural Scott County, the daughter of Thomas and Catherine (Geurink) Soenke. On September 25, 1971, she was united in marriage to William L. "Bill" Kane in Camanche, Iowa.

Audrey and her husband owned and operated Riverview Apartments in Princeton.

She enjoyed the out-of-doors, caring for her flowers and the company of her beloved family and many friends.

Those left to honor her memory include her husband, Bill; her daughter, Cathy (Dan) Rockwell of Rock Island; her sons, Craig Meincke of Davenport and Bruce Meincke of Princeton; her grandson, James Meincke; her great-grandchildren, Zachary, Alyssa and Kierstyn; her brother, Thomas (Doris) Soenke of Little Rock, Ark.; and her beloved cat, "Persia."

Audrey was preceded in death by her grandson, Levi Hamilton; and her sister, Pat Hoffmann.

Condolences may be expressed to the family by visiting Audrey's obituary at [www.McGinnis-Chambers.com](http://www.McGinnis-Chambers.com).



**Leola  
Burroughs**



### **Leola Burroughs**

Services for Leola Mae Burroughs, 82, of Davenport, were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8 at Weerts Funeral Home, Davenport. Burial was in Salem Lutheran Cemetery, Princeton.

Mrs. Burroughs died Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2007, at Genesis Medical Center-West Campus, Davenport.

Leola Buck was born Sept. 13, 1924, in Monmouth, Iowa, the daughter of William and Rose (Elsner) Buck. She married Raymond Burroughs on May 29, 1943, in Davenport.

Mrs. Burroughs created the baked goods for the Outing Club, was a chef for Prongers (later known as The Dock) and Howard Johnson restaurants. She later worked at Boll's Grocery Store, Princeton.

Mrs. Burroughs was an avid Chicago Cubs fan, and also enjoyed making quilts, reading, and gardening. She excelled in motherhood and family; her love, devotion and generosity is her legacy as the matriarch of her family for over 60 years.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Survivors include her husband; children, Daniel (Ann), Princeton, Kathleen (Dennis) Vanderpool, Davenport, David (Janet), LeClaire, and Raymond II (Lori), Eldridge; grandchildren, Aaron and Matthew Burroughs, Jenni Corson, Dan and Robert Vanderpool, Bob and Craig Masters, and Andrea, Adrian and Amanda Burroughs; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by an infant son of Ray and Lori; a son-in-law, Gregory Corson; her parents; sisters, Pauline Olson and Martien Harper; and brothers, LeRoy, Arthur and Billy Buck.

Online condolences may be made at [www.WeertsFH.com](http://www.WeertsFH.com)

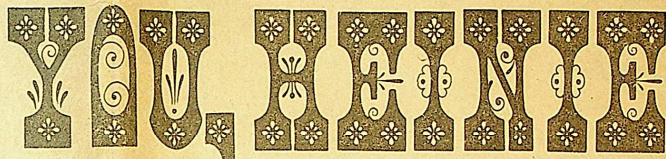
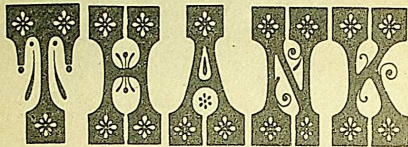


# PEOPLE.

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The Times  
BIRMINGHAM

It's all work and no pay now for Henry (Heinie) Boll, but that's the way he wants it. He "retired" eight years ago from the Princeton, Iowa general store he founded 50 years ago, but just can't stay away. (Staff Photo)



A river town will offer thanks to the general store owner who has fed and served them for half-a-century.

## Our Neighbors

By Jim Arpy

Henry W. (Heinie) Boll works 12 hours a day in a Princeton, Iowa grocery store and doesn't make a dime. It's strictly a labor of love now for 73-year-old Boll, who opened his general store 50 years ago and turned over the management to his son, Merlin, when he "retired" eight years ago.

"I COULDN'T stand to sit around the house. Besides all the customers are my friends and stop to talk," says Boll, who is in the well-stocked store daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

To mark the 50th year of Boll's General Merchandise store, Zion Lutheran Church of Princeton will express members' appreciation for its contribution to the community with an open house for the owners on Dec. 13.

"We're having a 'Heinie Boll Night' to honor the man who has meant so much to this community," said the Rev. Alan Henderson, pastor of Zion Lutheran. His store is our oldest business, and in his lifetime I figure he must have fed at least half the county."

The tribute to Boll will be at 7:30 p.m., and friends are invited.

Boll, a big man whose face creases in frequent smiles, got an early start in his chosen profession. He was just 14 when he began working in a Plainview, Iowa grocery store.

"THAT MEANT getting up at 5 a.m. and currying the horses. Then I'd eat breakfast and two or three times a week drive to Dixon five miles away to meet the train. We'd trade other items for things like butter, eggs and chicken and send them on into Davenport," he recalls.

Still in his teens, Boll attended Brown's Business College in Davenport, taking a course in bookkeeping and shorthand.

"My first job was taking down the proceedings of the Woodman's World Convention in Davenport in 1917. I typed it up and got \$25 for it," he says.

He worked for the People's Light & Power Co. in Davenport for a while, then, wishing to try his wings, went to New Orleans and worked for a year-and-a-half as a

stenographer and bookkeeper for the Shell Oil Co.

The illness of his father called him back to Dixon, and when his father died Boll stayed on, working in Grover Meyer's grocery store in Maysville.

There was still a touch of wanderlust which took him again to New Orleans, and then on to California, but in four months Boll was back in his home territory.

"MY DAD WAS a farmer, but I kind of liked the grocery business," he explains. He was 23 years old in 1922 when a friend offered to let him rent and operate a store in Princeton. The store at that time was located next door in a large community building which Boll now owns.

During the depression of the thirties, which had no serious effect on business, Boll tore out the wall of an adjoining building and doubled the size of his store building.

He carried the items common to general stores of the period, horse collars, curry combs, poultry feed, and articles like coffee, sugar, dried prunes, and cookies in bulk.

Today, in addition to groceries, the store offers such diverse merchandise as shoes, magazines, sundries, yarn, greeting cards, belts, socks, mattress ticking, caps, ribbons, pots and pans, overalls, and hardware items. For the past 20 years it has been the only grocery store in Princeton.

"When my son, Merlin, got out of the Army, I was ready to retire and turn the store over to him. I went on Social Security, so I won't take any pay even though he often wants to give it to me. I tell him if I need any money I'll let him know," Boll chuckles. "I just enjoy being here."

"I remember when farmers used to bring in country butter to sell. That's one thing I'm glad we don't have to fool with. And every farmer used to have eggs. Now I only know of about three who still have eggs."

"WE RAN CREDIT during the depression and still do. Some people were out of work and just couldn't pay their bills. I told them we'd just let the old bill stand until they could pay it and put their new purchases on another bill and they could pay it off as best they could. Almost all of them took care of everything when they got on their feet again," Boll recalls.

Some of his original customers of a half century ago still trade with him regularly, as do their children and grandchildren. He estimates he supplies the grocery needs of about one-third of the community.

"I didn't carry any meat when I first started, but finally I had to because there just weren't any butcher shops left," Boll says.

He pulls some faded 40-year-old sale cards out of a drawer. Pork chops were

selling for 10 cents a pound and steak was two pounds for a quarter. Hogs were then selling for 2 1/2-cents a pound.

"LOOK," HE says, "at that time salmon was 22 cents a can. It's about \$1.39 now. A pound can of coffee was 24 cents, compared to 99 cents now. Peas were three cans for 25 cents. Today they'd be about 50 cents. And you could buy a 49-pound bag of flour for \$2.19. Today's price is about \$4.50."

Boll says one reason his store has survived in an era when privately-owned stores have failed by the hundreds is that his prices are competitive with the supermarkets.

"We're even cheaper on some items," he notes.

The store continued business as usual even during the Great Flood of 1965 when the Mississippi, which flows by a stone's throw away, crept right up to the sidewalk in front of the building.

"Customers just parked up on the highway and came in the back door. It didn't bother us much," Boll says.

HIS WIFE, the former Selma Stadtmueller of Monticello, Iowa, whom he married 48 years ago, helps out in the store for a few hours on Saturdays and Boll insists she be paid.

"When my kids worked in the store I always told them to keep track of their hours and they got paid for it," he adds. In addition to his son, Boll has a daughter, Mrs. Leone Kosman, Ottumwa, Iowa.

One facet of the store's operation is unchanged. Free deliveries are still made. Boll recalls that he made his first deliveries in a Model T Ford with side curtains.

"In the old days, we had to make up most of the orders. A man would come in with a list his wife had made out for him and hand it to us. Then he'd go out for a beer or a haircut and when he got back his order would be all ready for him," Boll remembers.

"We used to get vinegar, linseed oil and turpentine in 50-gallon barrels. Everything was bulk almost, almost no canned goods."

The store still sells poultry and rabbit feeds, though these are no longer the big item they used to be.

"We used to carry things like Tanglefoot fly paper, the kind you would pull out all sticky and the cat would step into. When fly sprays came out it killed flypaper overnight," Boll says.

"IT'S BEEN a pleasure to be in business here," he says, waving a big arm toward the front windows, through which the river can be seen sparkling in the morning sunlight.

"We've got the best damned view you could want, and the customers have always been real nice people."





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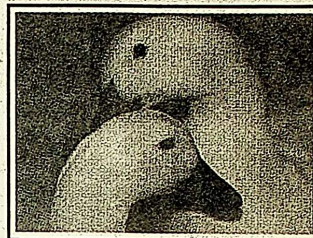
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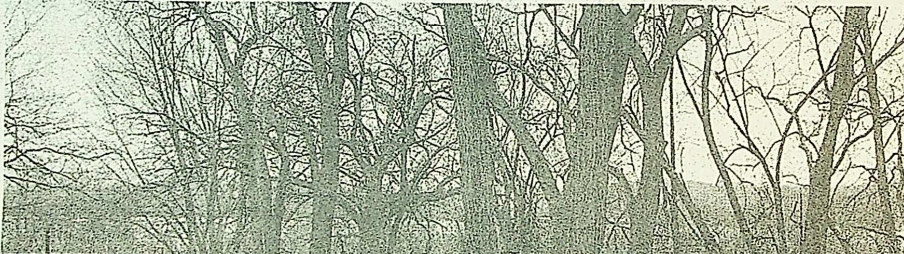
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## New life for old cemetery



■ Princeton man  
looks to reclaim  
town's graveyard

By Tracy Dunn  
NSP Staff Writer

Standing on a small patch of land overlooking the Mississippi River, Dave Fanning points out what he believes are the boundaries of the original Princeton Cemetery.

purpose, except for one small stone block with a section carved from its center, leaning against a tree. Fanning believes it once was the base for a grave marker.

There is no road leading up the hill to the city-owned land just east of Harold B. Woomert Park, but early plats show that Fifth Street once led straight to the cemetery.

And while "Princeton Cemetery" is marked on those early plats, there is no

This land is now just empty city ground overlooking the Mississippi River, but 150 years ago, it was the site of the original Princeton Cemetery. Volunteers have already cleared the area of junk and overgrown brush, and are hoping to learn more about the people who were buried there and to replace as many headstones as possible.

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## Doctor finally answers Walcott page

■ Trinity Health System  
will share office space  
with Burt Chiropractic

By Phil Roberts  
NSP Staff Writer

It's been five long years of waiting. But the Walcott community will soon have a medical doctor to call its own once again.

Trinity Walcott Primary Care will open in early May in a separate wing of the Burt Clinic

of Chiropractic at 790 N. Main St. According to a brochure being distributed by Trinity Health System (its Web site is [www.trinityqc.com](http://www.trinityqc.com)), the clinic's phone number will be (563) 284-4043.

The brochure indicates the clinic will be open weekdays between 8 and 5, and its customers also will have access to emergency care when the clinic is closed at Trinity's express care clinics in the Quad-Cities.

Trinity officials were not available to provide any additional details at this time.

If Walcott Mayor Reed Hagen's response

is any indication, townspeople are thrilled at the prospect of having a medical doctor's office in the community once again.

Walcott's mayor: It's great

"I think it's great," said Hagen.

Dr. Michael deBlois, D.O., who served Walcott for nearly 20 years, discontinued his busy practice in late 1997 due to health problems. Walcott community leaders have been unable to find another doctor to practice in Walcott until now.

Working hardest at attracting a doctor to

Walcott has been longtime Walcott chiropractor Dr. Mickey Burt, who practices with his sons, Chad, 29, and Bradley, 27, at Burt Clinic of Chiropractic.

Several years ago, Mickey Burt doubled the size of his clinic by building a new wing just to house a medical office.

"The addition was started in October of 2000 and finished in April of 2001," he recalled.

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## No pharmacy in Eldridge

By Barb Geerts  
NSP Staff Writer

Some customers planning to drop off their prescriptions at the Eldridge Pharmacy & True Value store this week were surprised to find that the business is no longer offering prescription services.

A sign on the padlocked pharmacy window stated that as of March 29, prescription records had been relocated to the Osco Drug

at 1655 W. Kimberly Road (Kimberly and Division), Davenport. The information stated that customers could continue to dial the Eldridge Pharmacy number at (563) 285-4422 and "be routed directly to your Osco Drug Pharmacy staff."

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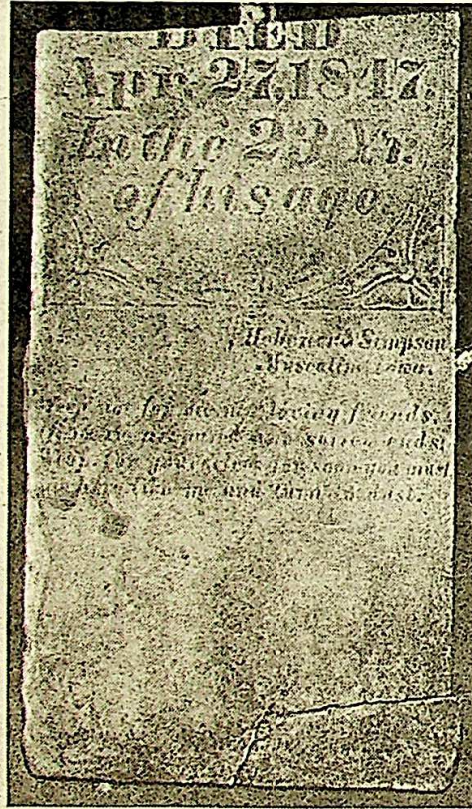


# Princeton: Men insist people buried on land

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mention of it in the records of Scott County cemeteries. One book, "From Out of the Past," written by Paul B. Dennis in 1976, does allude to the property:

"It was a short walk to the cemetery (Oakridge) then. Fifth Street had not yet been



Bearing the name of Hebener Simpson, who died in 1847, this is the only headstone known to have come from the original Princeton Cemetery. It had been used as a back porch step at a Princeton residence for many years, but now is kept in the Princeton Fire Station. Fire chief Roger Woomert hopes more of the headstones can be located and placed back in the cemetery.

NSP Photos by Tracy Dunn

abandoned from Chestnut Street South. At the crest of the old cemetery hill a broad lane extended westward to Oakridge Cemetery where a fence stile existed, affording easy access without opening the gate."

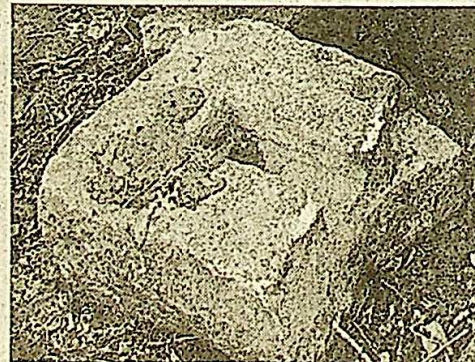
Fanning, 60, a lifelong Princeton resident, says, "I used to rabbit-hunt on that ground when I was around 14. I remember seeing stones there, but someone's removed them all." He recalls seeing some of the stones moved and stacked to one side of the property back when the land surrounding it was developed for housing.

Over the years, the headstones disappeared, and trees and brush began sharing the ground with junk left by citizens who never knew or didn't care about the history of the property.

The only existing headstone believed to have come from the cemetery currently sits in the Princeton Fire Department. It is tall and plain, its carving still legible after more than 150 years. It reads: "Died April 27, 1847, Hebener S. Simpson, Muscatine, Iowa, in the 23 yr. Of his age."

Fanning obtained the stone from a man who had used it as a back porch step for years. "A guy came to me as soon as he heard we were doing some digging," he says. The man told him a neighbor woman had said the stone came from the old Princeton Cemetery.

Princeton Fire Chief Roger Woomert has



Dave Fanning believes this cut stone originally held a tombstone in place at the Princeton Cemetery.

joined Fanning in the effort to reclaim the old cemetery. Besides being interested in preserving Princeton history, the chief has a personal stake in the project — his backyard adjoins the land.

"What we really want is any information on it," says Woomert. "I'm sure there's something somewhere. Maybe we can rattle somebody's mind."

The two men, along with their cohorts in the Princeton Volunteer Fire Department and the Lions Club, of which Fanning is president, have already begun clearing the property. They removed an old swing set and other junk and burned piles of overgrown brush.

Eventually, they would like to replace as many original headstones as possible.

"People can leave them here at the station, no questions asked," says Woomert. "We want to find whatever monuments we can."

Fanning insists people are still buried on the property. "There's still remains there, we're sure of it," he says. Several Princeton firefighters have witnessed Fanning's use of "divining" wires to locate old graves.

"I use old coat hangers," he explains. Hold-

ing the wires parallel in front of him, the wires will cross when they are over ground containing remains, he says.

Fanning is the president of Princeton's Oakridge Cemetery, located just west of the old Princeton Cemetery. That site, platted in 1859, has graves dating back to 1851.

Other small cemeteries in Scott County have been reclaimed over the years, including the Faessler Cemetery in Princeton Township that a troop of Bettendorf Boy Scouts refurbished in the 1970s. Fanning and Woomert hope to be able to do the same with Princeton Cemetery.

They envision a fence around the property, with a sign for visitors to know its significance in Princeton history.

"Sounds like we need to hold a pancake breakfast," Woomert muses as he considers the costs associated with the reclamation. He and Fanning both hope the community will embrace the project, offering financial support as well as information about the original Princeton Cemetery. To help, call Dave Fanning at 289-4796.

## McCausland Methodist breaks ground for addition

McCausland United Methodist Church will be breaking ground for a new addition on Sunday, April 6.

The ceremony will be held during the 9 a.m. worship service. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The proposed 48'x40' addition will provide some much-needed classroom space and make the structure handicapped accessible, the Rev. Ruth Ann Scott, pastor of the McCausland church, said in an earlier interview. Estimated cost of the project is \$160,000.

The current structure has served the congregation for half a century, replacing the original 60-year-old building that was destroyed by fire in 1953. The historic church was incorporated on April 18, 1892, as the Methodist Episcopal Church of McCausland.

Pastor Scott, who also serves the congregation of New Hope United Methodist in Park View, said the expansion project has generated "a lot of enthusiasm, not only in the church but the community, which has been very supportive ...."



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## Bettendorf

■ Senior day — The monthly senior day program at the Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Drive, will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday. Shirley Davis, travel columnist and Plus 60 coordinator for the Quad-City Times, will present a slide show on cruising Alaska by small boat.

## Davenport

■ Friendly House events — Stretching and core strength training with yoga and light weights will be from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Fridays and Tuesdays at Friendly House, 1221 Myrtle St., Davenport; bingo from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesdays; ceramics from noon to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays and Fridays; euchre from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesdays; hula dancing from 10-11 a.m. Mondays through Aug. 28; progressive 500 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday; foot and nail care from 8:30-9:45 a.m. Aug. 22, \$15, call (563) 323-1821 for an appointment; discussion on how spirituality and friendships relate to health from 10:30-11:15 a.m. Aug. 22.

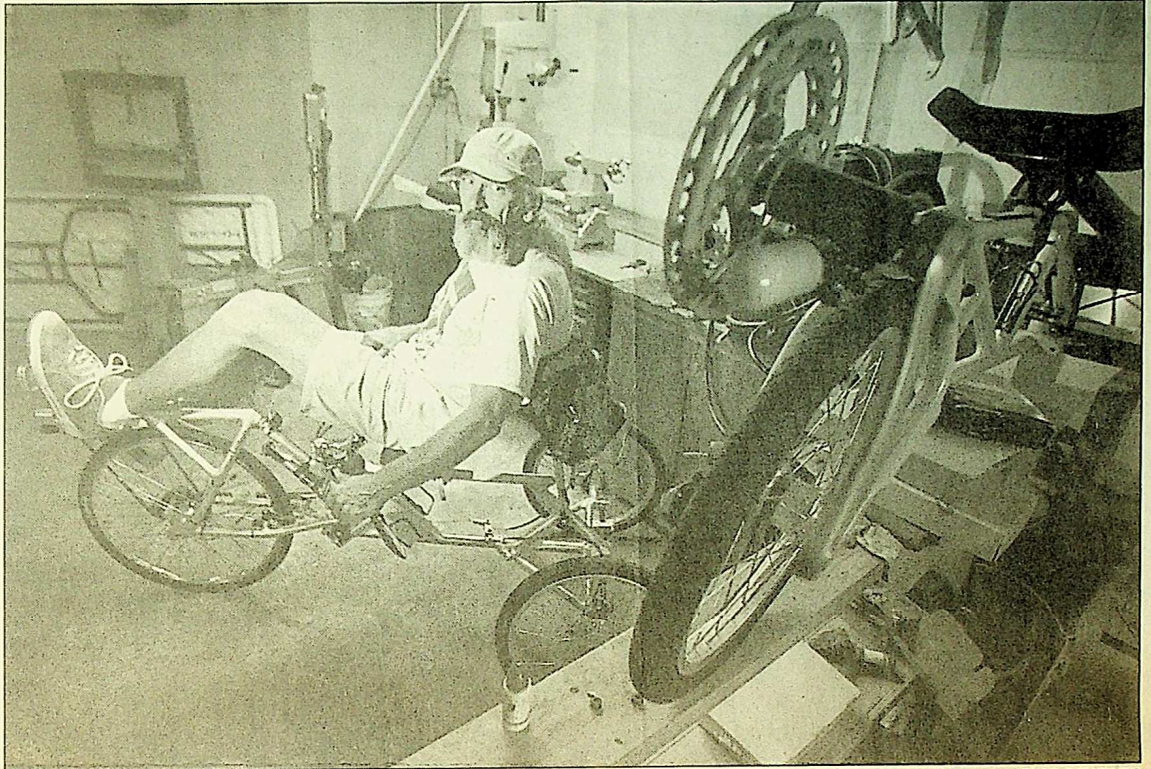
■ CASI events — Events this week at the Center for Active Seniors Inc., 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, include:

Today — Line dancing, 8:30-11 a.m., Celebration Hall; advanced ceramics, 9:30 a.m. to noon, ceramics room; Golden Wedding, 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Celebration Hall; yoga, 1-2:30 p.m., music room; pinocle, 1:30-5 p.m., Celebration Hall; billiards, 2-4 p.m., billiards room.

Wednesday — Avoid loneliness, stress and chronic disease, 9-10 a.m., music room; YMCA exercise class, 9-10 a.m., Celebration Hall; shingles lecture, 9:30-10 a.m., Genesis Room; watermelon, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., main hall; blood pressure clinic, 10-10:30 a.m., Genesis Room; TOPS, noon to 1:30 p.m., arts and crafts room; pinocle, 12:30-4 p.m., Celebration Hall; yoga, 4-5:15 p.m., music room.

Thursday — Square dancing, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Celebration Hall; watermelon, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Main Hall; assisted open studio, 12:30-3:30 p.m., arts and crafts room; euchre, 1-4:30 p.m., Celebration Hall; bingo, 5-10 p.m., Main Hall.

## LEANING BACK AND ROLLING ALONG



Nick Loomis/QUAD-CITY TIMES

Allan Pillard of Princeton, Iowa, demonstrates one of the recumbent tricycles he makes in his home shop. These tricycles are for adults, not children, with front-wheel drive and a self-centering steering system.

## Three-wheel ride

Iowa enthusiast builds recumbent tricycles for stability and comfort

By Mary Louise Speer  
QUAD-CITY TIMES

Allan Pillard spends his days on the construction site, but during evenings and weekends he releases his creative energies in crafting recumbent tricycles from his shop in Princeton, Iowa.

The tricycles are for adults, not children, and the machines offer a comfortable ride. Each features front-wheel drive with a self-centering steering system that allows the rider to cruise along with hands folded if desired.

"A lot of my friends are riding recumbents and I figured I'd build my own," he said.

Recumbent bicycles and tricycles go back to the 1800s, he said. An 1892 cartoon on the <http://www.bikeroute.com/Why-Bent.html> Web site shows a man lounging comfortably on a two-wheeled recumbent.

That style means the rider sits in a seat with a back rest and legs out front, and not perched on a derriere-challenging saddle. The machines are powered by foot, and the cyclist does not have to lean over and grip

the handle bars for balance. Pillard rides a 21-speed recumbent and steers with his feet. The design allows for a tight turn radius, he said.

Pillard focused his design efforts on kites for a time, but the trikes are more satisfying, he said. He worked for International Harvester Farmall in the 1970s and '80s and was a crew chief mechanic in the Iowa National Guard for 22 years until his retirement in 1994.

"I would like to see this work into a business. It's a niche market and I realize it's going to appeal to the right persons. When you're out there, it's more of the baby-boom age group riding the recumbents. But it's becoming more popular mainstream," he said.

Trying to come up with a rideable design took a while, he admitted. He started with a two-wheeler design but shifted gears after deciding the three-wheeler configuration offered more stability.

His first tricycle was made out of sheet metal aluminum in a welded style called monoque, with the "skin" used as the

stress-bearing portion.

"Later after I built one, I realized that wasn't a practical way to build and I went to aluminum metal tubes. It goes better now," he said.

He rode a recumbent in RAGBRAI and other bicycle touring events and he plans to take his newest models to events later this year. These can be adjusted to fit different sizes of riders and the machine can be easily broken down and put in the trunk for transport.

Dawn McMeen of Princeton hopes to see Pillard succeed with launching a business.

"I'm not really a bike rider but I love riding the recumbent. It sits up high enough so you can put your heels on the pedals and watch whatever function you're at," she said.

For more information about the recumbent trikes, call (563) 289-3463.



# From pen to pulpit in Princeton

## ■ Matt Froeschle is new pastor at Princeton Presbyterian church

By Barb Geerts  
NSP Staff Writer

When Matthew Froeschle was a boy, he had dreams of becoming a writer or a cartoonist.

Now, he's using his pen in the pulpit. "I've always loved writing and I found out I have a gift for sermon writing and preaching," said Froeschle (pronounced "freshly"), the new pastor at Princeton Presbyterian Church. He joined the staff on June 1, taking over the reins from interim pastor Bill Beattie, who had served in that capacity for 3 1/2 years.

The 29-year-old pastor was officially installed on July 23, which just happened to be the first wedding anniversary of Matthew and his wife, Anna.

The couple said they are happy to be back in the Quad-Cities' area; Matthew grew up in Bettendorf, and his parents still live here, he says. Anna attended high school in Dubuque.

Before accepting the call in Princeton, Froeschle served for 3 1/2 years as an associate pastor at a Presbyterian church in Norfolk, Neb. "I loved it and got a lot of valuable experience in serving with someone else," the minister said of his previous parish. "(But) I felt that to grow as a believer and as a pastor, I couldn't stay in the shadow of a senior pastor. I felt it was a (growth) step to take on the responsibilities of a solo pastor."

Although Froeschle was not familiar with Princeton before presenting his application for the small congregation's consideration, he says he has a soft spot for rural communities in general. "I love small-town ministry. There's more of a sense of family and community when you move into a smaller town. You can get lost in a larger city."

That won't happen in this quaint hamlet nestled on the banks of the Mississippi River — a waterway that Froeschle had come to appreciate over the years.

"What I missed most about this area was the river. Being in Nebraska, they've gone through such a horrible drought there, the rivers are nothing more than large ditches," he observed.

Now "home" again, Froeschle said he knew he had come to the right place when dozens of parishioners showed up on the doorstep of the church's manse early on Memorial Day to help the couple move in. "Right from the get-go, we've been blessed by their generosity," he noted. "I think it's so friendly (here) and the people and I just hit it off with the interview."

He said he's particularly impressed that the members of the congregation seldom scout out the door after services, preferring instead to share in fellowship with other parishioners. "That really appeals to me."

The church has around 110 members, with an average Sunday attendance of about 60, according to Froeschle.

"Like a lot of smaller churches, we're always looking to attract younger members. I'd love to see the church grow. But more important is ... growing together in faithfulness to Christ — just building ourselves into

the kind of church that God would have us be."

Froeschle sees his role as helping Princeton Presbyterian find its niche in the work of building of God's Kingdom. "I see very clearly that my job is to be faithful to Christ and what I think God is doing through this church," he said. "Each church has its own mission, its own ministry."

Although he was raised in the Presbyterian church, Froeschle says he really didn't understand the idea of a "personal Savior and friend" until he met a dynamic youth director at Grace Evangelical Free Church in Davenport. His name was Dan Doebel.

"I attended the youth group there and Dan really made the gospel come alive to me," he explained. "He spoke of Jesus as somebody he knew."

"I'd grown up in the church, so I was familiar with the (Biblical) stories," Froeschle continued, "but I didn't really know what it meant to have a living Christian faith, where Jesus walks beside you."

With Doebel as his mentor, the teen found that the ministerial stirrings that he had felt as a youngster were becoming impossible to dismiss. "I had inklings (of becoming a pastor) even as a boy. (Now) I was interested in sharing that faith with others," the pastor declared.

Froeschle graduated from Iowa State University in Ames with a degree in English literature and a minor in history.

While in college, Froeschle became involved in a campus ministry called the Salt Company, where he utilized his skills as a skit-writer and amateur videographer. He also taught Bible studies and was offered an opportunity to preach at his home church, Bettendorf Presbyterian.

"Through those experiences, it was impressed upon me that God was drawing me into ministry," he said.

After graduation, Froeschle participated in a mission trip to Bangkok, Thailand, where he taught English as a second language at a university there. "That was an eye-opening experience for an Iowa boy that had never been out of the country," he admitted. "We got to meet students and build relationships. That summer I got to lead one of my Thai friends to Christ. That was a powerful experience."

He said he found that Thai students were much different than American university students. "No one wants to stand out, so the exceptional students will be quiet (and not offer the answers). They want to help the others out, so cheating, as we call it, was rampant. We'd have tests and ask them different questions, and sometimes the student would give the exact same answers (as the one we questioned before), even though we asked different questions."

Following his Bangkok experience, Froeschle enrolled in Dubuque Theological Seminary, where he earned his master's degree. He was ordained on Nov. 24, 2002, at the church where he had been baptized and confirmed.

Froeschle said he plans to continue to use his skills as a skit-writer and amateur videographer to help bring The Word alive for his Princeton parishioners.

"I love filming. I've got a video camera and ever since I was a little boy, I've done movies," he said, adding that he's taped skits



Bettendorf native Matthew Froeschle is the new pastor at Princeton Presbyterian Church.  
NSP Photo by Barb Geerts

for use at worship. "Sometimes it's easier for the kids to do that on video instead of live performances."

Working with young people comes naturally for the Froeschles. Anna is an elementary education teacher who plans to do substitute teaching while she looks for a fulltime position. She also serves as a camp director, Matthew said.

The two met under interesting circumstances. Anna's father, Steven Seng, attended seminary with Matthew as a second-career minister (he formerly farmed). But, strangely enough, the future bride and groom didn't meet there in Dubuque.

"I knew her father at seminary for a couple of years, but I didn't meet Anna until I was living in Nebraska," Matthew said. At the time, he was attending a conference in Hastings, and decided to attend Sunday services at a church where a pastor with whom he had previously served had accepted a call. It happened to be Anna's church.

"I met her Sunday morning at the church. The next day she showed up at the college, hoping to catch me at the pastor's school, and I ran into her. It was between classes and I just had the sense that I had to go up to the

registration desk. I don't know why."

It seemed nothing short of divine intervention had drawn him there. "She was there in the midst of 5 or 6 other pastors. I had to muster my courage and ask her out for dinner in front of my colleagues. They weren't about to leave," he said, smiling. "It wasn't until later that night that I realized that she was the daughter of the guy I had gone to seminary with."

To make things even more interesting: When Anna's mother discovered the two were dating, she told her daughter, "That's the guy that we wanted to set you up with (earlier)."

The couple were married a year later. Froeschle said his wife and family have been very supportive of his ministry. And he hopes that God can use him in inspiring ways at Princeton Presbyterian.

"I just want to inspire the love of Jesus in folks. When I preach or when I teach, I wear my heart on my sleeve. I want to show that Jesus is a living presence in my life," the pastor stated.

"I think a love for him inspires the great things that we can do."

## Artists-in-residence named

A Bettendorf woman is one of two artists chosen for this year's Artists-in-Residence program at the Herbert Hoover National Historic Site in West Branch.

Karen Page Crislip, a Bettendorf High School grad who now lives in Estes Park, Colo., is related to Hoover — the nation's

only president from Iowa. An artist in hand-woven tapestry, she will begin her residency in mid-September.

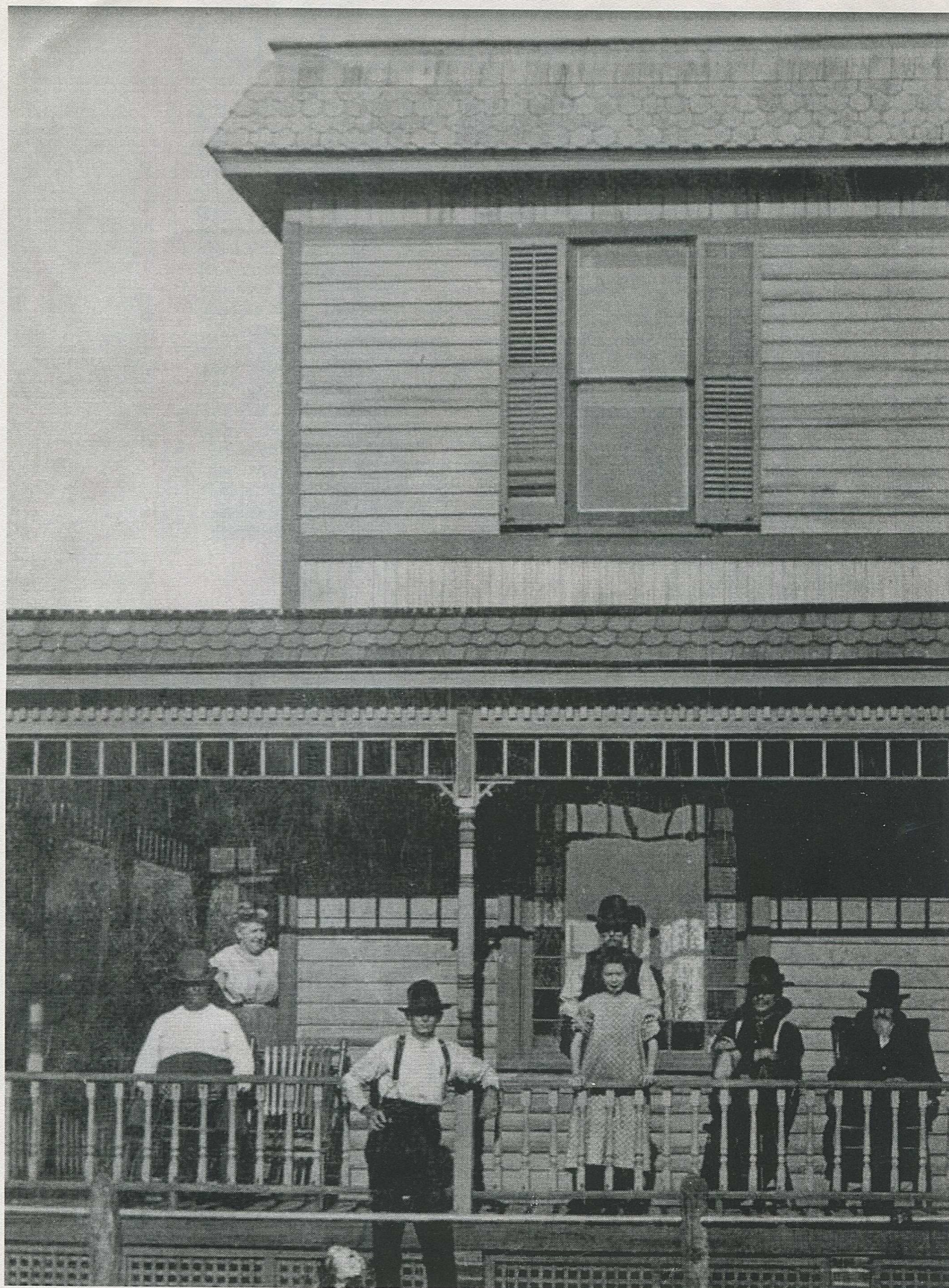
Photographer, filmmaker and writer Lis Anna of Asheville, N.C., also has earned numerous awards for her works. She will begin her residency in late August.

## Last 'star party' of the summer will be Aug. 19

St. Ambrose University will host its last star party of the year at the S. G. Menke Observatory near Dixon on Saturday, Aug. 19, beginning at sunset. Jupiter will still be prominent in the southwest, but Mars and Saturn will be deep within the brightest part

of twilight just after sunset. The moon will not be visible at all that evening, making it a good night for viewing deep-sky objects like star clusters, nebulae and galaxies. The star party is free and open to the public. For information, call 333-6141.





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# Sabula: A slice of the untamed in the Quad-Cities' backyard

**S**ABULA, Iowa, — It's hard to come up with one word to describe it.

The little island called Sabula, about 60 miles north of the Quad-Cities, is wild in a way — subtly untamed. It's no place for a Wal-Mart or a car dealership. It's more of a place for a camper, a fishing pole and a good set of binoculars.

Driving up the Iowa side on U.S. 67, I took my time Tuesday. Most trips are better that way.

I took the time to notice how little LeClaire is coming into its own — earning itself an identity as an artsy old riverfront town. And when did Clinton get so big? By the time I got all the way through town I felt like I'd driven across Nebraska.



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The signs in the window at the Hop N Shop convenience store in Sabula advertised two things: smoothies and night crawlers. The woman behind the counter thought for a minute when I asked where an out-of-towner might visit.

"Ahhh," she said for a long time. "The beach, I suppose."

But there was something funny about the place. The water at Sabula's beach is as green as a fountain in Chicago on St. Patrick's Day I asked the campground attendant nearby and she said what I was guessing: "I would assume it's the algae."

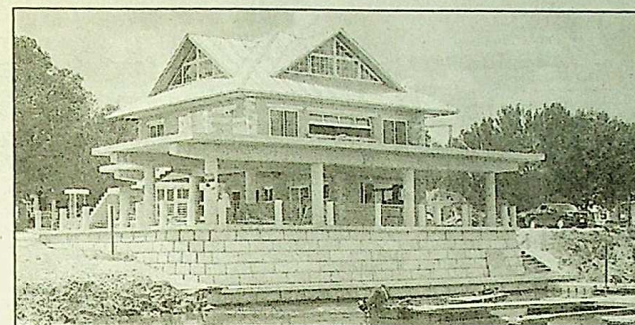
I'd never seen water such a bright, almost emerald green. Realizing I was hungry (a natural transition from algae), I drove the few blocks to the Island City Café and ordered a pancake as instructed by a reader from Davenport. It was more of a crepe, really, and it was so big that it hung off the sides of my plate.

I washed the sticky maple syrup off my forearms and headed back out around the island, noticing from the signs all over town that somebody named "Rittner" wants to be mayor real bad.

I felt bad for the box turtle that was smashed on one of the streets and headed back to the beach. At a dirt parking lot near a little marina, I got out of the car to walk around. I know it's 60 miles away, but I wouldn't be surprised if some of you heard me when I nearly stepped on the biggest snake I've ever seen in the wild.

The thing was as big around as my wrist. I would've taken a picture, but I couldn't get a good shot from the car.

On the way off the island I noticed another sign at the Hop N Shop. It said, "Welcome pizza, chicken, burgers."



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**Go Fish is a new riverfront bar and convenience store about to open in Princeton, Iowa.**

chicken, burgers."

I don't know about the pizza and the burgers, but the chicken thought Sabula was pretty.

**A surprise find**

On the way back down U.S. 67, I dipped over the railroad

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tracks to the river in Princeton.

A couple of guys were working in the parking lot of a large, new building I'd never seen before. It's built mostly of stone and has a unique concrete staircase outside. If not for the shiny new gas pump out front and the fact it sits right in front of the town's little marina, I might have thought it was a house.

Then the posters on a couple of pillars gave it away: "Coming soon, Go Fish."

It turns out a couple named Bill and Annette Hamilton is building Go Fish, which has a convenience store on the first

floor and a bar on the second. The place ought to answer a whole lot of Quad-City boaters' prayers for another place to stop by boat for a bite to eat.

"There just isn't a whole lot around that you can just pull up to," Bill Hamilton said, taking a quick break from cutting copper pipe. "The whole idea is to pull up and be served a burger and fries and a drink in your swimsuit — no shirt, no shoes required."

It's a very cool place, perched as it is right there on the shoreline with a contemporary, yet practical design.

In fact, Bill Hamilton said he designed it himself. He also is doing much of the work on the place while also owning and operating the marina. He

and his wife also have a horse farm in town and are boaters themselves.

The convenience store is almost ready to open, he said, and the bar should be ready in a couple of weeks.

One feature that's sure to attract thirsty boaters is the second-floor tiki bar, which will have a real, live thatch roof and overlooks the Mississippi. Even if you just drive there and order a Pepsi, it's the kind of neat place the Quad-Cities needs.

And all that construction has probably scared off the snakes.

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## All Aboard for 99 Years of Service

I am very pleased to announce that Great River Bank & Trust is rolling into its 99th year of business. As I stated in our December newsletter, I am inviting you to join me in the months ahead as we reflect upon our many historical moments throughout the years.

I am honored in this quarter's newsletter to feature my aunt, Lois Suiter O'Malley, as we begin to turn back the hands of time and remember our historical past.

In the present, we are witnesses to competition increasing within the financial arena, and I find it very timely to reflect on our many historical milestones. During the Great Depression, for example, many banks could not withstand the financial strain and had to close. During this devastating time, deposits at Farmers Savings Bank, as we were then referred to, dropped nearly 50%. However, we persevered, and we continue to do today, amongst all the competition.

Throughout our 99 years, Great River Bank & Trust has prided itself on our customer service and our community

involvement. Debra Smith, LeClaire City Council member, agrees. "When it comes to Great River Bank, my first thoughts are good friendly customer service, but more important is receiving accurate/timely information when I ask questions. As a community member, their participation in community activities from both their employees and financial support is superior."

"It is rare for anyone to have the privilege and opportunity to witness a business reach its 99th birthday," said Rick Reed, President of the LeClaire Chamber and owner of Adesign, Inc. "As the LeClaire Chamber of Commerce President, I am especially pleased to have Great River Bank & Trust helping out in our community every single day. Their long support is evident in their dedication to helping others succeed and fostering leadership and good will throughout the surrounding area. It has often been said that 'Dedication is not what others expect of you, it is what you can give to others.' Certainly Great River Bank & Trust illustrates this with their long history of dedication to our community. Happy Birthday and Congratulations, Great River Bank & Trust."

I hope you enjoy this first newsletter of 2007 and enjoy the featured article of Lois, for we are all indebted to her dedication to this bank. Great River Bank & Trust is also indebted to you, our community, for these congratulations. Without your support and patronage along with our dedicated staff, we would not have the success we have today.

Be sure to stay tuned to next quarter's newsletter, when we feature, my father, retired Chairman Emeritus Glen Suiter.

From our family to yours,

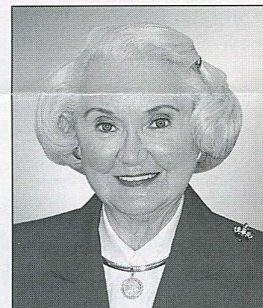
**Stephen G. Suiter**

President/CEO



## DIRECTOR EMERITUS HONORED

In Lois Suiter O'Malley's opinion, it is extremely remarkable in this day and age for not only a bank to remain in a community for almost 100



years, but for the originating family to remain there as well. "Most people from the area get their education and move away. Every Suiter who has stayed in this community, is proud of their community, and proud of those who are responsible for their survival," O'Malley said.

O'Malley, daughter of Zach Suiter, former Farmer Savings Bank President, has served on the Board of Directors for Great River Bank since assuming the position after her mother's death in 1961. At this year's January Board meeting, O'Malley officially retired her position on the Board and has been named Director Emeritus.

Serving as a Board member was just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to her great accomplishments throughout the years. Looking back to O'Malley's days as a flight attendant during the late 1940's to her passion for interior design, her drive and enthusiasm for life are unstoppable.

She formed Lois Suiter O'Malley Interiors approximately 30 years ago and has since worked on residential and commercial projects both nationally and internationally. She added her flair for design within Great River Bank & Trust by designing the interiors of the LeClaire and Princeton locations as well as teaming up with Russell Construction for the redesign of the Elmore Avenue location in 2001, which is unrecognizable from its former restaurant state.

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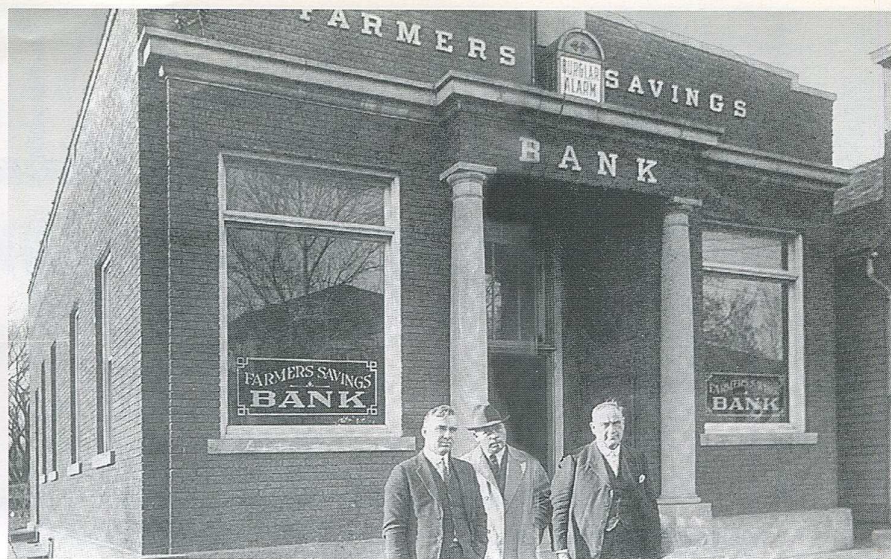


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O'Malley was responsible for undertaking a two year journey to get her great-great grandfather Philip Suiter's name nominated and accepted into the National Rivers Hall of Fame in Dubuque, IA. He was officially inducted December 15, 2005, as the very first rapids pilot on the Mississippi River to receive a license from the government during the 1800's.

The tradition continued as Philip's son John and grandson Zach also became river pilots. However, Zach's sons both became bankers. Zach, Jr., Lois' father, joined Farmers Savings Bank in 1912 and became cashier and president after Charles left in 1917. Lois recalled how hard World War II was on her father Zach. He was the President of the County Board of Education and was selling War Bonds. At that time, everything was rationed: gas, sugar, shoes, etc. He trained his employees, and then they had to enter the service. In working to preserve the Suiter name, O'Malley hopes to continue to instill her father's spirit within her family as well as in the community.

Lois' spirit for life is definitely apparent within her family, as they recently presented her with an honorary certificate for 45 years of service on the Board. In receiving this award, she reflected upon her father, who was extremely interested in the community and its farmers. "He was very caring, helpful, and constructive. He tried to make everything and everyone a little better." She then laughed as she recalled an incident at the original



Princeton bank location when she was a small child. "I set off the burglar alarm by mistake! I didn't remember this, but my father sure told me about it!"

The modesty of Lois holds true when she describes her role in the history of the bank. "I have been a participant, but the responsibility of the bank has been with my brother Glen and his children Steve and Jane. They are a team. It's a team effort."

All employees of Great River Bank & Trust can attest that having Lois Suiter O'Malley as a part of the team is a definite asset. We honor and appreciate her during our journey to our 100th Anniversary and beyond.

## HOP ON OVER & PARTY WITH BUCKY!

### Bucky Beaver Club Easter Party

Saturday, March 24, 2007

1 pm - 3 pm

at Eldridge Skate Park

400 S. 16th Ave

Eldridge, Iowa

**FREE for Bucky Beaver Club members.**

For family and friends it is \$2.50 for admission and \$1.00 for skate rental.

Concession stand will be open.



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## OBITUARY

**R. Keith Havenhill**

Services for R. Keith Havenhill, 71, of Princeton, were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21 at McGinnis-Chambers Funeral Home, Bettendorf. Pallbearers were Steve Huetteman, Alan Shaw, Bruce Weld, Dan Myers, Roger Woomert and John Owens. Burial was in Oakridge Cemetery, Princeton, with military honors conducted by the American Legion Buffalo Bill Post #347 of LeClaire.

Mr. Havenhill died Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2006, at Genesis Medical Center-East Campus, Davenport.

Keith Havenhill was born April 6, 1935, in Wapello, the son of Samuel and Beula (Marlette) Havenhill. He married Katherine Reep on Sept. 19, 1958, in LeClaire. She died Oct. 10, 1995.

Mr. Havenhill served with the Princeton Volunteer Fire Department for 35 years, and he also spent time teaching fire safety and awareness to school children. He had also been employed at Alcoa Company, Davenport Works, for 37 years.

Mr. Havenhill served in the U.S. Army and the Army Reserves and was honorably discharged in December of 1959.

He was a member of the Princeton Lions Club, the National Rifle Association, and First Medical Responders.

Mr. Havenhill enjoyed fishing, col-

**R. Keith Havenhill**



lecting guns and knives, and was an enthusiast of John Wayne films.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Survivors include daughters, Dawn McMeen and Allan Pillard, and Bambi and husband John Rankin, all of Princeton; sons, Curtis Havenhill and Debbie Engel, and David Havenhill and Carrie Ahlgren, all of Princeton; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; his special friend, Mary Jane Brown, Princeton; and brothers, Samuel and wife Lois, Princeton, and Roger and wife Beverly, LeClaire.

## STUDENT REPORT CARD

**Linda Holst**



### Linda Holst named New Century Scholar

Scott Community College student Linda Holst has been named the 2007 New Century Scholar for the State of Iowa.

Sponsored by the American Association of Community Colleges, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for students in two year colleges, the New Century Scholar honors students who receive the highest All-USA Academic Team application scores in each state.

Each of the 50 student winners selected from across the nation receives a \$2,000 scholarship and will be honored at the American Association of Community Colleges Convention in Florida next month.

Holst, of Princeton, is a first-generation student who returned to college as an older student. She is married to Robert Holst, and they are parents of six children.

"Linda is an amazingly active person and is well-deserving of this award," said SCC librarian and Phi Theta Kappa Advisor Jane Campagna. "This is an extremely competitive award and we are very proud of her."

Holst is actively involved in the family farm operation near Princeton and works additional hours in a local pharmacy. In addition, she is a full-time student, carries over a 3.5 grade point average, is president of Beta Zeta Epsilon Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, and treasurer of the SCC Honors Club.

She is also a short-term missionary who has directed the construction and renovation of churches, schools, medical facilities and homes for impoverished Mexican families.

Holst plans to graduate from SCC in May and enter a pharmacy program at the University of Iowa.



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Born Clinton - Clarinets Savanna  
Wayne King - "Waltz You Saved for Me"

Remember movies on River Drive.

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### Lenore Mess celebrates 85<sup>th</sup> birthday Aug. 18

Lenore (Granny) Mess will celebrate her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday, Aug. 18, at Boll's Community Center in Princeton. Friends and family are invited to join her from 1 to 4 p.m. No gifts, please.

Lenore Stalker was born Aug. 19, 1922, in Rudd, Iowa. She married Fred Houser in 1940. Later she married Eldon Mess on Nov. 23, 1967. He passed away on May 30, 1986.

Mrs. Mess recently retired from catering at Bridges.

Her family includes Sharen and husband Ed Stone, Camanche; Lois and husband Bill Blunt, Princeton; Gail Burkamper, Bettendorf; Brenda Watson, Moline; Gordon House, Rapelji, Mont.; Jim and wife Mary Mess, Princeton; and Bill Mess, Davenport. One daughter, Shirley Spalding, is deceased.

She has 23 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandsons. Two grandchildren, Bobbi Christopherson and Denise Stone, are deceased.

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# Seeing some secrets of the island

I CAN'T TELL, Iowa — If I told you exactly where I went Wednesday, I'd be a dead duck.

After a quick stopover in Princeton, Iowa, on the way back from Sabula, I was reminded Tuesday of my friend Pete Wulf's top-secret hunting hut on an island in the Mississippi River.

Actually, the funky little hideaway isn't Pete's. It was built by Bob Card of Folletts and Chuck Dreibelbeis of Camanche. But Pete often meets his hunting buddies at the



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shack during the fall duck hunting season.

He gets up at the crack of dawn and he and his golden retriever, Grace, climb into his

flat-bottom boat in Princeton and head upriver. And that's all I can tell you: It's upriver from Princeton.

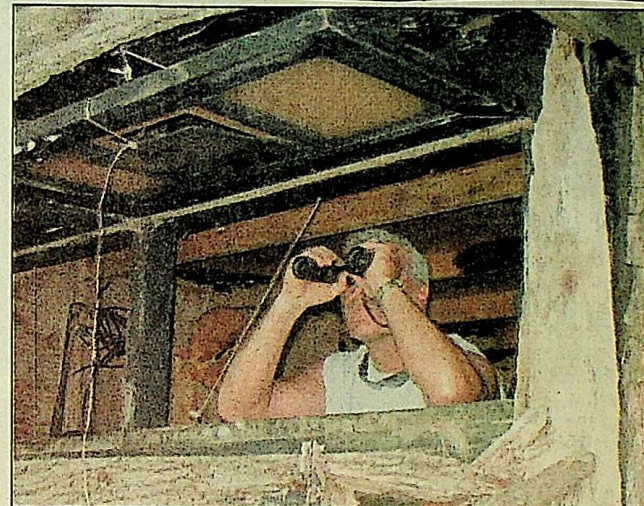
Though it's well-hidden by vegetation and, in truth, belongs to all of us because it's on public land, the guys would prefer it be kept a secret. The jig will be up soon enough anyway, they said, because the Iowa Department of Natural Resources is getting more serious about cracking down on permanent structures that are built on public land.

For now, though, it's a little

treasure. Climbing out of the boat and onto a narrow plank that serves as a dock, a person begins to feel a little like Huck Finn on a river adventure. It's very quiet at the island and the absence of civilization is liberating.

The shack has two windows facing the water, which the guys use to keep an eye on their duck decoys. It's cozy inside, with coffee mugs hanging from nails on the walls and a couple of skillet for making breakfast while they wait for the ducks to

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Pete Wulf of Princeton, Iowa, surveys the Mississippi River from a hidden hunting hut.

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come.

It doesn't seem like a fair fight for the poor ducks, really, given how their predators are so well hidden in the wooden shack.

The guys have put pieces of fence around the trees surrounding it to keep beavers from dropping the trees on it. They've fashioned a table off one side of the hut, which is where they take their early morning meals and, sometimes, lunch.

"I came one morning and they had a regular breakfast buffet set out," Pete's wife, Mary Wulf, said. "They had a little propane grill they were cooking on and it was so peaceful here."

But that's one of the things we love most about the river, isn't it? The graceful quiet of it draws us, soothes us.

The waters above Princeton are full of places like that — little backwaters I'd never seen. In Pete's flat-bottom, we were able to navigate some of the more shallow areas where big boats can't possibly get through.

Another friend of Pete's, Tom Rogers, dubbed one such backwater "Jungle Cruise" because it's so beautifully covered in vegetation. Some areas that are covered in water lilies look just like cornfields. The water is smooth as marble and full of little creatures and long-abandoned duck blinds.

I stopped counting the prehistoric-looking heron that stand still as statues on the shoreline. In an area so shallow that Pete's depth finder stopped registering, the turtles plopped into the water every couple hundred yards, wary, it seems, of our motor.

Mary told about the deer that swam in front of their boat last spring and had another story about the time they watched a turtle laying her eggs on a nearby island. Pete and Mary laughed at the memory of the time they borrowed a friend's anchor and tossed it into the river, forgetting they hadn't yet tied it to the boat.

Anchor's away.

The Wulfs shared their amazement at the number of times they've walked the dike at the Princeton refuge without seeing another soul. From the water, the refuge is gorgeous — as still as night as it bends to another stretch of trees, reflecting green off the water.

"There's so many people who don't know about all this and it's right outside their back door," Pete said.

And he's right. For 40 years, I've lived in the Quad-Cities without ever having coasted through the stunning backwater refuge above Princeton.

"Shhhh," said the turtle.



Marion West



## Marion West

Services for Marion J. West, 85, of Princeton, will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 20 at Zion Lutheran Church, Princeton. Burial will be in Glendale Cemetery, LeClaire, with military honors conducted by American Legion Post #343.

Visitation is from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday (today) at McGinnis-Chambers Funeral Home, Bettendorf, where a Masonic service will be conducted at 7 p.m.

Mr. West died Saturday, July 15, 2006, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home, Pleasant Valley.

Marion West was born May 6, 1921, in Davenport. He married Rozella V. Dodds on Sept. 24, 1947, in Davenport. She preceded him in death on Oct. 6, 1996.

Mr. West was employed as a mechanic for Priester Construction for 15 years. He also worked as a mechanic for Lund Implement Company in Princeton for 24 years.

During World War II, he served as a combat engineer in the U.S. Army in India. He was a member and past commander of the China-Burma-India Veterans Association.

Mr. West was also a member and past-master of Snow Lodge #44, A.F. & A.M., of LeClaire; a member and past patron of the former Silver Creek Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star in LeClaire; and a member of the Davenport Consistory, Kaaba Shrine, the Buffalo Bill Shrine Club and American Legion Post #343.

In addition, Mr. West served on the Princeton Volunteer Fire Department for more than 50 years, and was a longtime, faithful member of Zion Lutheran Church in Princeton.

In 1972, he received a commendation from the Rock Island Arsenal for saving a man's life after an accident.

Memorials may be made to Shriner's Hospitals for Children, Snow Lodge, or Zion Lutheran Church, Princeton.

Survivors include a son, Dennis and wife Rose West, Davenport; a grandson, Jun; three great-grandchildren; a sister, Mabel Loy, Ottumwa; and a brother and sister-in-law, Merle and Kathy Dodds, LeClaire.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his sister, Ellen, and brothers, John and Malcolm.

July 2006

## Princeton, Iowa

### Thomas J. Griffin, Sr.

PRINCETON, Iowa — Thomas J. Griffin, Sr., 66, of Princeton, Iowa, died at his home Thursday, May 11, 2006, surrounded by his family after a very courageous and lengthy battle with cancer. Celebration of Life services will



Griffin

be held at 10 a.m. Monday, May 15, at Our Lady of the River Catholic Church, LeClaire, Iowa. Visitation will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday

at Weerts Funeral Home, Davenport. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Davenport. Military graveside services will be conducted by American Legion Post #246, Moline. Memorials may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Tom was born February 5, 1940, in Rock Island, Illinois, to Ambrose and Mathilda (Pryor) Griffin. Tom spent his life in the Davenport area. On April 27, 1961, he married Antoinette Chernetsky. After completing his service with the U.S. Marine Corps, Tom and Toni settled in Princeton, Iowa, to raise their family. Tom retired from ALCOA, Davenport Works, in 1991 after 30 years of service. In retirement Tom

enjoyed hunting and fishing with

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## Princeton

### Joyce Reep

PRINCETON, Iowa — Joyce Roaine Reep, 88, of Princeton, Iowa, died Tuesday, July 18, 2006, at Genesis Medical Center-East Campus, Davenport.

Services will be held on Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Heesch Funeral Home in LeClaire. Visitation will be at the funeral home from noon to 2 p.m.

Saturday. Burial will be in Glendale Cemetery.

Joyce was born April 24, 1918, in LeClaire, to John and Grace (Adams) Gilbert. She married William H. Reep on August 21, 1936, and lived in the Princeton and LeClaire area all of her life. She farmed in LeClaire Township, owned and operated the "Ship-Inn" diner, and worked in the Jack and Jill Grocery. She enjoyed collecting bells, gardening, especially roses and tomatoes, puzzles, sledding, kite flying and teaching the grandkids how to drive. Joyce also enjoyed playing cards and bingo with her many friends and socializing at Polo's.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill, sisters, Grace, Rose, Mable, Hazel, Alice, and Nellie, a brother, Charles, a daughter, Katherine Havenhill, a daughter-in-law, Roberta (Olsen) Reep, and a grandson, Bryan Rath.

She is survived by her brother, John Gilbert, of Princeton; her children, Patricia and Robert Rath, of Davenport, Betty and Blane Kisner, of Milan, Shirley and Ronald Gill, of Bettendorf, Darlene and Gerald Gill, of LeClaire, and James and Debbie Reep, of Bettendorf; a son-in-law, Keith Havenhill, of Princeton; 22 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

You may visit [WWW.HEESCHFUNERAL-HOME.COM](http://WWW.HEESCHFUNERAL-HOME.COM) to view the complete obituary and send condolence to the family.



# PUBLIC NOTICES

## Princeton city council

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Iowa, met in regular session on Thursday, June 8, 2006, at 6:05 p.m. in the council chambers at Princeton City Hall. Mayor Youngers presided. Roll call: Present: Stearnman, Lee, Meacham and Kernan. Absent: Miller.

Mayor Youngers opened the meeting with public comments. Steve Miller spoke about the Community Center meeting, there was discussion directly pointed at Rev. Peter Sickles, about using the upstairs. There seems to be animosity between the councilperson in charge of the building and Rev. Sickles. He understood that there is no charge to some groups, he would like to see more youth groups in the community center. He would like other council members to be present at the next meeting. There is a Bill's usage policy which was approved by council and stated by Ann Geiger. Resident Lisa Maynard commented that the upstairs is off limits to everyone except the fire escape. Ben Eastep, a developer that would like to build homes within the city, supplied the council with a site map and project packet. Consent agenda approved by unanimous vote on motion made by Meacham, seconded by Lee. Roll call: All ayes-MC.

Receipts for May  
General Fund.....\$19,259.31  
Expendable Trusts.....6175.73  
Special Revenue.....14,131.29  
Debt Service.....3108.51  
Capital Improvement.....1678.44  
Proprietary.....14,874.96  
Total receipts.....\$57,549.80  
The bills were then read. Stearnman made a motion to approve the bills. Lee seconded; all ayes-Motion carried.

Bills approved for payment:  
Allied Waste Services.....\$2,888.88  
Avenue Rental, skid loader rental.....168.95  
Bentford Office, pen refills.....16.31  
Bowman, Steve, payroll expense, door.....2,903.25  
Bryant, Chris, payroll expense.....3,678.44  
Carter, Scott, payroll expense.....1,283.50  
Casey's General Store, gas.....29.00  
CMS Incode, computer main service.....3,221.25  
County Waste Systems, portapotties.....186.00  
Elridge Pharmacy, spray head.....12.99  
ECL Inc, clean check valve.....357.50  
Environmental Management, jet sewer.....1,632.00  
Freds Gas, gas.....738.37  
Great River Bank & Trust, payroll tax.....2,822.74  
Great River Bank & Trust Go Bond/Int.....31,538.50  
Iowa Telecom, internet.....186.00  
IPERS, payroll expense.....1,302.64  
Iowa Culvert, culverts.....4,489.00  
K & K Hardware, flag.....56.71  
Kunai Implement Co, mower repair.....215.80  
Lighting Maintenance, lights ball diamond.....215.80  
MBNA America Business, auto, medicom, camera.....19.10  
Menards, screen door.....101.84  
Morthland, Colleen, payroll expense.....2,255.30  
Morgan, Patty, payroll expense.....25.59  
North Scott Press, The publications.....123.42  
Office of Vehicle Service, inspections.....630.00  
Port's Garage, car repair.....134.10  
Postmaster, utility mailer.....163.32  
Princeton City, water/sewer.....40.00  
QC Metallurgical Lab, water test.....20.00  
Quill Corp, paper, toner, envelopes.....239.89  
Racorn, edocs access.....262.86  
Scott County Ready Mix, concrete piers.....89.00  
Shive Hattery Inc, engineering.....550.00  
Significant Digits, annual maint gr.....725.79  
Super Service & Supply, towels.....2,358.50  
Thomson, Karen, payroll expense.....180.00  
Treasurer - State of Iowa payroll exp.....82.54  
Tri City Blacktop, hotmix, patch street.....165.54  
Truonorth Companies, LC, life ins.....40.91  
United States Corp, cellular service.....116.00  
Verizon, long distance.....618.90  
Walt Lambach, recharge inspect fire ext.....84,107.00  
Grand totals.....\$16,384.26  
Fund totals.....7,343.71  
General Fund.....2,484.45  
Road Use.....3,467.20  
Sewer.....2,888.88  
Debt Service.....31,538.50  
Totals.....\$84,107.00

Committee reports  
Stearman-Water & Sewer: I need to discuss with the city engineer about a new operator for the wastewater lagoon. Bowman has completed a sludge test, and the DNR will be in when we are ready to close to see if it is drained down enough.  
Lee-Policy & Administration: I have set down and met with the city employees, and discussed their job descriptions, and duties. I have revised the job description, as they were outdated. I would like each council to please review these. I would like to put these documents in place at the next meeting. I will then be working on the employee handbook, and other items that need to be updated.  
Meacham-Community Protection:  
Miller-Buildings:  
Kernan-Streets: Kernan questioned the chain of command for the city employees. Lee replied that the chain of command would be in the employee handbook. In the job descriptions it indicates that they are supervised and report to the city council. If they have a problem they are to go to the council member in charge of that area, or the mayor. If they cannot reach council, Kernan questioned public works Bowman if he had spoken with the engineer about the streets. All the streets in the bid need work done on them, we did prioritize them. Kernan asked where did they want to start? Bowman replied Chestnut and Bluff.

Woomer-Fire Department:  
Morgan-Park Board: City clerk commented that Morgan wished to let everyone know that they are waiting for a part for the playground equipment, and the gravel will be spread, then it should be opened up for the pleasure of the children. Geiger commented that we did receive the grant for the sign at the Community Center, public works needs to get with My Design Sign, so we can find out what power we need and the sign will need to be poured. Bowman commented that a contractor would be doing all the work. He will get with Miller when she returns.  
Meacham-Planning & Zoning: Last meeting we approved the Preliminary Plat of Holst subdivision subject to the engineers getting together.  
Bowman-Public Works: I met with the IDOT and the railroad, in 2007 they will be replacing the crossings at Chestnut and the crossing at Clay Street, and in 2008 they will be doing the second reading at Lost Grove Rd.  
The first item on the agenda was for council to discuss the final plat of Holst Addition. Tabled for further information.  
The next item on the agenda was to discuss the covenants of Holst First Addition. Comment was made that we do not have to have all these covenants; Planning and Zoning can make changes and submit to council. Tabled for Planning and Zoning conversations. Roll call: All ayes-MC.

Next on the agenda was to discuss the letter from the developer's attorney regarding the use of TIF money. Stearnman commented that the letter contained extra items to be paid for. Attorney Rich Roler then asked to speak about the TIF, he is representing Donalson Inc. The letter was drafted for the framework of LeClair's letters. Roler commented that this letter might have been a little premature. He proposed this as a TIF, al-

though the council will vote on what they will TIF as they look at the overall picture. Motion to table made by Stearnman, seconded by Lee.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss the street names; the developer commented that the previous owner would like to name the streets. Lee commented that he was looking at for names. The developers commented possibly kids' names. Refer to Planning & Zoning. Motion to table made by Lee, seconded by Stearnman. Roll call: All ayes-MC.

The fifth item on the agenda was to discuss the water sewer construction fees and inspection process. Stearnman commented that there is a gray area in our ordinance, that he believes needs to be changed. We need to substantiate our cost. The city attorney agrees that we need to specify what all the fees cover. It was suggested that maybe we should call this a permit fee. Words from the public works department, is that we have paid for curb sections in the past. That is not true. We have purchased curb stops in the past and billed the resident for them. Stearnman will work with the city engineer on this and get the ordinance written. Move to table by Stearnman, seconded by Lee. Roll call: All ayes-MC.

The city engineer then commented that what he has seen, he believes that we are ready for the developer to submit the items for the final plat. The engineer would like to see a set dollar amount and amortization schedule for the TIF. He stated that the TIF attorney would take care of these items, and direct the city in the correct direction. It should be with-win situation.

The sixth item on the agenda was to discuss the boat ramp. The mayor and Stearnman commented that they brought this up a year ago for the city to purchase, and were shot down. The mayor believes that it should stay as is or the city purchase the ramp. We do not currently pay to use it, why should we start.  
The seventh item on the agenda was to discuss the bid from Bi-State for the update on the Land Use Policy for the Comprehensive Plan. Item to be discussed at Planning & Zoning first.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss the lowa Department of Transportation Agreement for Road Maintenance. Motion by Lee to approve the agreement, seconded by Stearnman. Roll call: All ayes-MC. Council then discussed the locomotive horns within the city limits. Meacham commented that there are certain steps to be followed. There is a Web site that you can look into.

The council then discussed the streets that we do not want oversized loads allowed on. The city clerk will send the map in with no oversized loads on the Chestnut Street and Clay Street railroad crossings.

Council to discuss the Water/Water/Paint Repair for \$1200.00 per two years. This was sent with the city attorney to advise.

The last item on the agenda was to approve the Princeton Lion Liquor License. With all the items in order Stearnman made a motion to approve the license, seconded by Lee. Roll call: All ayes-MC.

The mayor then brought up the council's attention, about some of the abatements that were sent out. Some items have been taken care of, but others were not. What do we want to do? The city clerk will send another letter stating that all items that were sent out are completed and the city will have the work completed and the property owner will receive a bill.

The mayor then announced that the city received the grant from the Scott County Regional Authority, to update city hall technology. Thank you, SCRA. The city also received a grant from RDA to purchase a sign for the Community Center. Great job, Ann. Thank you to RDA.

We will have the bicycle tour coming through town on Saturday.

The mayor then read a letter for a petition. They received 232 signatures of residents who are against vacating, and selling, donating or giving any property that borders the Mississippi River. Stearnman commented that the petition was not worded correctly. If you want to get a petition going you have to have it worded correctly.

Mayor Youngers then read Resolution 2006-09 regarding fines for violations of municipal ordinances. Motion to approve Resolution 2006-09 made by Meacham, seconded by Stearnman. Roll call: All ayes, MC.

Mayor Youngers then read Resolution 2006-10 setting salaries for 2006-2007 fiscal year. Motion to approve Resolution 2006-10 made by Lee, seconded by Meacham. Roll call: All ayes-MC.

Mayor Youngers then read Resolution 2006-11 rescinding Resolution 2006-11, vacation of Franklin Street. Motion to approve Resolution 2006-11 by Stearnman, seconded by Lee. Roll call: All ayes-MC.

The mayor then read Ordinance 256, entitled Ordinance amending the City of Princeton water rates, second reading. Motion to waive the third reading made by Stearnman, seconded by Meacham. Roll call: All ayes-MC.

Motion to approve Ordinance 257 by Stearnman, seconded by Lee. Roll call: All ayes-MC.

With no further matters to discuss Lee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Stearnman. Roll call: All ayes. Meeting adjourned 8:50 p.m.

Approved: Keith Youngers, Mayor  
Attest: Karen Thomson, City Clerk/Treasurer

CONCURRENT NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT, NOTICE OF A DECISION REGARDING THE PROJECT TO BE LOCATED IN A FLOODPLAIN OR WETLAND AND NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Publication: June 21, 2006  
City of Donahue  
City Hall  
106 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
Donahue, IA 52746  
(563) 282-4161

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:  
Notice is hereby given that on or about July 10, 2006, the City of Donahue, will request the State of Iowa, Iowa Department of Economic Development to release federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-35), to undertake a project known as CDBG Water System Improvement Project, for the purpose of making improvements to the existing system bringing the system into design compliance, removing iron, and disinfection.

The City of Donahue has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental review record (ERR) on file at City Hall, 106 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., Donahue, Iowa, and may be examined or copied weekdays by appointment.

The City of Donahue is proposing to conduct a Water System Improvement Project, to be funded by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds received through Iowa Department of Economic Development (IDED).

The City of Donahue has determined that this proposed project is in a floodplain/wetlands (or will impact on a floodplain or wetlands) and thus is publishing this notice in compliance with Executive Order 11988 and 11990 and the Floodplain Management/Wetlands Protection Guidelines adopted by the Water Resources Council.

The North Scott Press, (Eldridge, Iowa) Wednesday, June 21, 2006 15B

Currently, the City of Donahue does not perform any level of water treatment. Rather, raw water is pumping directly from the aquifer into the distribution system. Raw water with no level of disinfection can allow microorganisms and bacteria to take hold in the water system and create numerous problems. The city of Donahue has had several positive tests for the presence of bacteria.

The city of Donahue is currently supplied by water from two municipal wells. These wells yield a sufficient capacity of water, however the water quality includes elevated levels of iron. Further, the city has historically received violations for the presence of bacteria. Currently, the city provides no water treatment.

The existing standpipe capacity of 90,000 gallons provides an adequate volume for storage. The water distribution system does not meet minimum fire flow protection flow rates.

Modifications of the above systems are required to bring them into compliance with the current design standards. The modifications proposed include the following:  
Water Treatment: Construct disinfection and iron removal facilities.

Water Distribution: Create a second pressure zone through construction of a booster pumping station in addition to two pressure reducing stations.  
Replace a 4-inch segment of water main on South Main Street with 6-inch main.

Projects effects on the flood plain will be mitigated by returning the flood plain to the original elevation after improvements are completed.

The City of Donahue has additional information available on this project, which can be reviewed at Donahue City Hall, 106 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., Donahue, Iowa. Interested persons can also call Mr. Steve Thompson, MSA Professional Services, at (563) 582-3973 for additional information about this proposed project.

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Donahue to the undersigned. Such written comments should be received on or before July 6, 2006. All comments received by this date will be considered by the undersigned prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

The City of Donahue is certifying to the Iowa Department of Economic Development that Ken Schoenthaler in his official capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if any action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Iowa Department of Economic Development's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the related laws authorities, and allows the City of Donahue to use program funds.

Iowa Department of Economic Development will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Donahue's certification received by July 28, 2006, or a period of 15 days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer; (b) the City of Donahue has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to Leslie Leager, Iowa Department of Economic Development, 200 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50309.

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Iowa, Iowa Department of Economic Development to release federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-35), to undertake a project known as CDBG Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project, for the purpose of constructing an additional cell to the wastewater treatment system.

The City of McCausland has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental review record (ERR) on file at City Hall, 305 Salina Street, McCausland, Iowa, and may be examined or copied weekdays by appointment.

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of McCausland to the undersigned. Such written comments should be received on or before July 6, 2006. All comments received by this date will be considered by the undersigned prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

The City of McCausland is certifying to the Iowa Department of Economic Development that Doug Stoltenberg in his official capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if any action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Iowa Department of Economic Development's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the related laws authorities, and allows the City of McCausland to use program funds.

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## Princeton council could discuss land use plan Aug. 9

Tabled once again.

That's the status of Princeton's Land Use Plan, after members of the City Council met July 26 and said they wanted to review the documents further.

City clerk Karen Thomson said that council members had just received the maps, prepared by Bi-State Regional Commission, shortly before the meeting.

Some discussion took place before the council agreed to further review the maps. Mayor Keith Youngers was absent from the meeting.

The new plan, if approved, would extend the city's planning boundaries approximately two miles west and north of the city, in addition to a boundary located approximately halfway between Princeton and LeClaire.

The plan's planning boundaries have been the source of contention among residents living outside the city, especially those living in Woods and Meadows Subdivision. Some residents have argued at previous meetings that the maps are a veiled attempt to annex the subdivision into Princeton.

The city has been working with Bi-State to create a new comprehensive plan for the city. The Land Use Plan is one component of the plan, which has not been updated since 1969.

The next City Council meeting is Thursday, Aug. 9.



day, April 13, 2006, with Mayor Kobeg-Schaefer calling the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Smith and Kostichuk were present at 4:00 p.m. and Kobeg arrived at 4:45 p.m. City Clerk L. Rickertsen was present along with Stan Goodyear, Walcott Trust & Savings Bank, and Chip Schultz, Ruan Securities.

Discussion was held regarding the funding mechanisms available for the wastewater treatment plant improvements.

Kostichuk moved, and Smith seconded, to adjourn at 5:05 p.m. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Lisa Rickertsen, City Clerk

## Princeton city council

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Iowa, met in regular session on Thursday, April 13, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Princeton City Hall. Mayor Youngers presided. Roll call: Present: Stearman, Lee, Meachem, Miller and Kernan.

Mayor Youngers opened the meeting with possible boat trailer parking at Johnson Mfg. Johnson has a gentlemen's agreement with the city, as long as the city cuts the grass. Officer Bryant made comment to open up the west side of River Drive for parking. Tabled for further discussion. The second item on the agenda was to discuss the cleanup of the city. Discussion was held to get two or three organizations together to get it cleaned up. Bowman to check on getting help with this clean-up. Council then discussed nuisances in the city. Letters will be addressed to the property owners, with a goal to complete these nuisances. There will then be a follow-up on these abatements. Council then discussed Tuesday, April 18, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. for a round table meeting with Planning and Zoning.

Consent agenda approved by unanimous vote on motion made by Stearman, seconded by Meachem. Roll call: All ayes-MC.

Receipts for March

General Fund	\$9492.80
Expendable Trusts	120.37
Special Revenue	16,610.66
Debt Service	263.04
Capital Improvement	0
Proprietary	14,867.03
Total receipts	\$41,353.90

The bills were then read. Stearman made a motion to approve the bills; Lee seconded; all ayes-Motion carried.

Bills approved for payment:

Advanced Auto Parts, filter	\$42.40
Allied Waste Services, 4 services	2,788.88
Bi-State Regional Commis, dues	238.75
Bowman, Steve, payroll exp.	2,822.09
Bryant, Chris, payroll exp.	3,232.65
Carter, Scott, payroll expense	1,150.59
Casey's General Store, gas/battery	38.11
Davenport, City of services	9.42
East Jordan Iron Works I, risers	297.84
Environmental Management, services	267.00
Great River Bank & Trust, payroll tax	4,072.94
Humane Society of Scott, services	77.50
Hygienic Laboratory, water test	37.00
Iowa Codification, ordinances update	302.50
Iowa Telecom, 12 months	421.47
Iowa Workforce Developme, payroll exp.	585.90
IPERS, payroll exp.	1,863.03
K & K Hardware, parts, supplies	35.41
Kenneth Robertson, refund deposit	42.57
LeClaire Auto Service, squad repair	404.94
Logan Contractors Supply, flags	39.80
MBNA America Business Ca, misc exp.	646.59
Message Link, rasing service	24.94
MidAmerican Energy, gas elect	1,926.02
Northland, Colleen, payroll exp.	2,181.86
North Scott Press, 12 months	1,472.94
Oakridge Cemetery, annual fees	250.00
Office of Vehicle Service, salvage inspect	560.00
Postmaster, postage	73.68
Princeton Fire Department, allowance	20,304.00
Princeton, City of, utilities	40.00
QC Council of Police Chi, dues	30.00
Quill Corporation, office supplies	12.57
Racoon, adacs access	117.50
River Action Inc, dues	600.00
Sandra Schulz Trucking I, rock/dig	718.29
Scott County Library Sys, tax levy	14,356.94
Shive Hattery Inc, engineering	1,973.60
Thomson, Karen, payroll exp.	2,266.53
Treasurer-State of Iowa, payroll tax	586.00
Truworth Companies, life insurance	25.54
Uniform Den, police supplies	629.52
United States Cellular, cellular serv	93.99
USA Bluebook, gauges	352.76
Verizon, long distance	352.76
Wellmark Blue Cross Blue, insurance	580.49
Wending Quarries Inc, rock	68.18
West Bend Mutual, bond	100.00
Grand totals	\$67,826.60
Road Use	\$4,851.90
Water	4,795.20
Meter Deposits	50.00
Sewer	4,210.92
Sanitation	2,788.88
Totals	\$67,826.60

Committee reports

Stearman-Water & Sewer: Presented council with water increases proposal and adjustments. Our current cost for homeowners is \$2.76 per 1,000 gallons we are charging 2.50 per 1,000 gallons. Please look these over, as I would like to vote on the increase next month. We have several improvements that need completed on both water and sewer. To most households this would be a \$5.00 per year increase. The new rates would be per 500 gallons. Commercial would be slightly higher. This year we had major engineering cost in making plans on what we need to improve, and how to improve the fire flow. The lagoons are under fire. We have to improve the wastewater plan this year. If anyone has any other ideas please contact Stearman.

Lee-Policy & Administration: Working on employee manual. He has received handbooks from five communities, he needs to update them and relate them to our city.

Meachem-Community Protection: Working with Lee on the employee manual.

Miller-Buildings: Working on different advertising for Bol's Community Center. We will be in the wedding issue of the Bettendorf News. Planning on advertising with the Leader for a couple months this summer. Sending brochures to all the seniors of North Scott High and Pleasant Valley.

Kernan-Streets: The web site is coming along great. Received a call from Bi-State, wanting to expand our web site, we will keep in mind for future. Streets need to be worked on, we are currently getting bids to have them repaired.

Woomer-Fire Department: There will be some old cars at the station. We will be having extinction classes. They will be removed as soon as we complete. The Lions Club/Fire Department omelet breakfast will be on May 21, 2006. Please plan to attend.

Morgan-Park Board: Working on removing the old playground equipment. We will need 15 volunteers on Wednesday, May 3, 2006, beginning at 8:00 a.m. We will be feeding you lunch. We will need volunteers to take the Bio-swale. Park Board will be having another meeting next week.

Meachem-Planning & Zoning - Planning and Zoning meeting on April 18, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. We would like public input.

Mayor Youngers then read correspondence. We had a request from Gwen Knollman to pay one half (1/2) of a \$900.00 bill to trim a branch hanging over her home. Mayor Youngers agreed that we should pay for half of the bill since the tree was on city property. Miller made a motion to pay the \$450.00 that she requested, as preservation of the tree. A citizen in the city stated that we are setting precedent that it was not approved and any other citizen could do the same and spend the city funds. Lee stated that we as a city receive three estimates before we endure an expense as such. Lee made a motion not to pay this request. Stearman-seconded. Roll call: ayes-Stearman, Lee, Meachem. Miller-No.

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Kernan-absain. M-C.

Kathy Wine from River Action then made a presentation. She then had some hand-outs to pass out. Mayor Youngers then stated that we will be interviewing for a city engineer. We will take a ten-minute break after we adjourn, if anyone would like to stay.

Motion to adjourn made by Stearman, Lee seconded. Roll call: All ayes-M-C.

Meeting adjourned 7:40 p.m.

Approved: Keith Youngers, Mayor

Attest: Karen Thomson, City Clerk/Treasurer

The Princeton City Council of the City of Princeton, Iowa, met in special session on Thursday, April 13, 2006, at 7:50 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Princeton City Hall. Mayor Youngers presided. Roll call: Present: Stearman, Lee, Meachem, Miller and Kernan.

Mayor Youngers opened the meeting by introducing Steve Thompson and James Holz from MSA Professional Services. Steve is an engineer and team leader, and James is vice president and a planner for municipalities. Council has interviewed other firms, and we are here tonight to vote on which firm the city would like to work with.

MSA is currently working with several small towns surrounding our town. Steve and James presented the city with what they could do for the city and how the city would accomplish our needs. James has been through clerk school, and can work closely with the city clerks, on how to apply for grants, and funding. He receives information daily on what is available. After the presentation, Lee made comment that the other firm that they interviewed works more with large cities. MSA works more with cities our size. We need to take this in to consideration when we make a decision. Meachem made comment that MSA is more our city style of a firm. Kernan stated he is not sure what he needs to do. Stearman made comment that we have spent a great deal of money with Shive and they have given us great service and we are in midstream of several projects. He stated that we should not be double charged. MSA would have to work with what Shive has provided. Miller made comment that she likes the idea that they have been working with smaller towns. With no other comments, Mayor Youngers asked for votes.

Mayor Youngers asked for roll call to hire MSA as our city engineers. Roll call: Stearman, Kernan-no, Lee, Meachem, Miller-yes. M-C.

Mayor Youngers asked for roll call to retain Shive Hattery as city engineers. Roll call: Stearman, Kernan, yes, Lee, Meachem and Miller-no. M-C.

Motion to approve MSA as our city engineers by Lee, seconded by Meachem. Roll call: Stearman, Kernan-no, Lee, Meachem and Miller-yes. M-C.

Motion to adjourn made by Lee, seconded by Meachem. Meeting adjourned 9:05 p.m.

Approved: Keith Youngers, Mayor

Attest: Karen Thomson, City Clerk/Treasurer

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Iowa, met in special session on Wednesday, April 12, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Princeton City Hall. Mayor Youngers presided. Roll call: Present: Stearman, Lee, Meachem and Miller. Absent: Kernan.

Mayor Youngers opened the meeting by introducing representatives from Shive Hattery. Dan is the engineer, and Al, in administration. They were here to make a proposal of what they can do for the city. Dan stated that he wanted to start out with what is required of the city engineer. They are here to assist the city with issues that come up, and work with us to accomplish our goals. We look out for the best interest of the city. We advise of long-range planning. Their main communication has been with Kernan. Shive Hattery has completed mapping, worked on the lagoon problems, Walnut street project, and the water infrastructure. Dan suggested that the city get their ducks in a row, create or update the comprehensive plan. The city needs to identify their needs and then Shive can help us. There were several instances stated that there was a lack of communication made by Al. Shive had worked with the city prior to the last two years. After question and answers were completed, Stearman made a motion to adjourn. Lee seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Approved: Keith Youngers, Mayor

Attest: Karen Thomson, City Clerk/Treasurer

## SCOTT COUNTY SUPERVISORS

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Cone's Repair Service, supplies	126.00
Corporate Express, supplies	64.58
Country Inn & Suites, travel	640.80
Crescent Electric, supplies	770.41
Dichaphone Corporation, other equipment	7.29
Eagle Printing Company, supplies	1,426.65
E-Flitall, supplies	61.70
Eldridge TrueValue, supplies	7.96
Electronic Engineering Equip, supplies	222.89
Expedia Service Fees, travel	139.62
Fareway-Davenport, professional services	5.00
Farm & Fleet of Davenport, vehicular parts	12.40
Fastenal Co Retail, supplies	200.71
Firestone, maintenance-vehicles	23.34
Firestone C&F, maintenance-vehicles	57.03
Fuel Right Travel, fuels and lubricants	334.11
G&K Services, service contracts	25.15
GatewayExpress, fuels and lubricants	222.64
Gee Asphalt Systems Inc, schools and meetings	26.37
Genesis Health, examination fees	190.00
Go America, fuels and lubricants	37.75
Grant Writing USA, school of instruction	790.00
Happy Joe's Pizza & Ice Cream, permits and approval cost	28.55
Hayman's Westside Ace, supplies	197.97
Hobby-Lobby, professional services	14.75
HP Direct-Publicsector, capital improvement	429.00
Humane Society of Scott County, professional services	205.00
Hyatt Hotels, travel	205.00
Hy-Vee-Foods, supplies	1,084.20
Ia Secretary of State, insurance premiums	142.45
IEMSA, memberships	30.00
	25.00

Iowa 80 Truckstop-Storage, supplies	39.99
Iowa City Scheels, supplies	199.98
Iowa Illinois Office Products, supplies	1,834.41
Isabel Bloom LLC, supplies	76.00
J A Sexauer Inc, supplies	1,148.93
JCPenney Store, clothing	539.80
Jewell Express, fuels and lubricants	39.99
K&K TrueValue Hardware, supplies	52.38
Kings Inc, fuels and lubricants	39.16
KMart, supplies	170.36
Krispers, supplies	451.00
Kum & Go, fuels and lubricants	165.55
Kwik Shop, travel	22.22
Limited Stores, clothing	59.50
Loos 66, fuels and lubricants	24.01
Lujacks North Park, maintenance-vehicles	52.36
Main at Locust Pharmacy, pharmaceutical services	848.86
Mason City Business Systems, osos inventory replacement	515.52
MCC Mediacom, commercial services	171.85
MCPC Inc, osos inventory replacement	376.50
Medi Nuclear Corporation, supplies	549.50
Meijer Inc, fuels and lubricants	52.25
Menards Davenport, supplies	681.91
MGM Grand Hotel, travel	98.09
Michaels, supplies	49.59
Millennium Waste Inc, commercial services	1,111.00
NAER Inc, supplies	40.00
Napa Auto Parts-DW, parts	1,300.11
Newegg Computers, supplies	712.39
Newton 66, fuels and lubricants	24.60
North Brady Animal Hospital, supplies	44.83
Office Max, supplies	62.01
Online Internet Sales, other equipment	25.87
Paypal Fourthwall, audio visual	45.00
Pilot, fuels and lubricants	103.14
Pinney Bowes, postage	464.40
Public Broadcast System, audio visual	29.99
QT, fuels and lubricants	63.00
Quad City Times, recruitment	495.20
Quality Inns, travel	158.34
Qwest Communications, internet line charges	64.38
Racoon Corporation, radios	3,812.40
Radio Shack, supplies	41.98
River City Ford, maintenance-vehicles	16.95
Ron Smith & Associates, school of instruction	550.00
S J Smith Welding Supply, welding supplies	583.60
Sadler Power Train, parts	267.24
Sears Roebuck, supplies	179.37
Shell Oil, fuels and lubricants	10.01
Sheraton 4 Points-DM North, travel	75.04
Shoe Carnival Inc, clothing	70.36
Short Stop, fuels and lubricants	55.62
Signs Now, moving expense-cip	208.70
Simoniz Car Wash, maintenance-vehicles	44.99
Sip StateIndustrial US, supplies	568.34
SL Deposits, travel	96.48
Speedway, fuels and lubricants	19.40
Spencers Military & Supply, clothing	50.00
Standard Bearings Co, other	28.22
Staples, supplies	79.98
Strieter Motor-Service, maintenance-vehicles	1,347.15
Stuart 66 Service, fuels and lubricants	37.78
Syr Tigerdirect.com, supplies	49.98
Target, clothing	97.89
The Hotel at Gateway City, lodging	73.83
The Knox, capital improvement	201.41
The Olive Garden, recruitment	83.80
The Portrait Shop, clothing	120.50
Thaisen's of DeWitt, supplies	75.20
Total Access Group, inc, professional services	20.72
Traininnovations LLC, training-professional	1,200.00
Tri County Implement, parts	12.25
Trophy King, supplies	20.00
Troshy Shoppe The, employee development	20.72
Uniform Den, supplies	1,454.57
Union 76, travel	68.07
Univ Cmtl Corrections, school of instruction	120.00
USPS, postage	63.40
Verizon Wireless, supplies	19.99
Vonachen Service & Supply, other equipment	733.43
Walgreen, juvenile books	34.00
Wal-Mart Supercenter, supplies	340.80
WLI Reservationrewards, travel	(9.00)
WW Grainger 200, supplies	287.23
Xerox Supply Texas, supplies	446.00
	\$74,774.47

Moved by Hancock, seconded by Gallin, the Board adjourn until 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 25, 2006, subject to prior call by the Chairman. All Ayes.

Larry Minard, Chairman of the Board  
Scott County Board of Supervisors  
ATTEST: Karen L. Fitzsimmons  
Scott County Auditor

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## Dock Talk

# Marina improvements bode well for boaters

By Gary Kramer  
FOR ON THE RIVER

Quad-City boaters will have more choices for food, refreshments, fun and service at local marinas this summer, but will have to wait a bit to enjoy all of the new additions and improvements.

Before I run through the changes, the first order of business is to set the record straight about the pronunciation



Kramer

and name of the Marquis Yacht Basin in Moline. It was named for Franklin Marquis, a longtime park board member whose family pronounced their name "Mar-kwis," not "Mar-key," as it is commonly referred.

Owned by Dubuque-based American Marine, the harbor's new name, Marquis Yacht Basin, is in keeping with Dubuque Yacht Basin's theme. Marquis slip holders receive a members-only card, which gives them discounts and privileges at the American Marine marina, as well as Rusty's Rendezvous operating at the American Boat Club on the Black River in La Crosse, Wis.

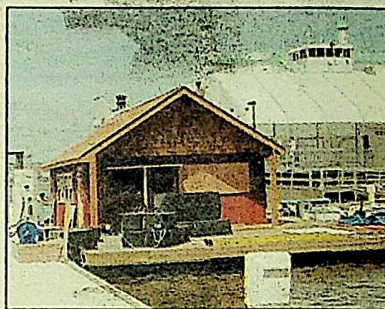
The gas dock at Marquis is open on weekends, the courtesy dock area has been dredged, electrical service has been updated and cosmetic improvements continue.

Upstream in Princeton, Iowa, the marina at Upper Mississippi River Mile 502.2, at the right descending bank, or RDB, has been renamed the Go Fish Marina Bar and Grill. The marina has been there for some time, but a new gas dock, bar and grill, and convenience store are scheduled to open July 4.

The bar and grill will be on the second floor with an outside deck over the water, and the convenience store will be on the first level. There will be no overnight docking, but 12 slips are being set aside for courtesy docking.

At the lower end of the boating area, complications also have pushed back the scheduled opening of a gas and courtesy dock at Ducky's Lagoon at river mile 473, at the left descending bank, or LDB, at Andalusia Slough.

A 160-foot dock will extend from the shore into the Slough by July 1. Aside from the fuel pump, the dock will allow more courtesy docking as well as some



Gary Kramer/FOR ON THE RIVER

Several marinas have undergone renovations for the summer, such as Isle of Capri in Bettendorf.

## PRODUCT TESTING

For those interested in boat stuff, I am testing a few products on my boat this summer as part of a product-review program with West Marine.

Half of the fiberglass bottom of my inflatable has been coated with Boat Armor, Easy On Bottom Coating to see if it makes a difference. My port fuel tank has an Attwood Fuel Vent Line Surge Protector installed on the vent line, and the starboard tank has a Life Guard Fuel/Air separator from Racor. Both are said to eliminate overflows when filling fuel tanks. I'll keep you posted this summer.

overnight docking. The harbor there was dredged to four-and-a-half feet, and a large screened-in porch, deck and patio have been added to the restaurant.

An improvement running closer to schedule is The Oasis at Isle Landing at the Isle of Capri Marina in Bettendorf. The Oasis, located on the gas dock, opened Memorial Day weekend for convenience items, store supplies, snacks, a gift shop and refreshments both at the bar and to go. Two new restrooms and two new showers are scheduled for completion by the middle of this month. Accommodations for fueling on-channel have been improved. As a further incentive to visit, the marina tries to keep fuel prices extremely low, and there is only a \$10 docking fee from Monday through Thursday.

Boating close to home keeps getting better — and with rising fuel prices, it's not a moment too soon.

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**PRINCETON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

### **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, TOWN OF PRINCETON**

The Princeton Presbyterian Church was first organized through the efforts of a committee from the LeClaire Presbyterian Church. Since the two towns were only five miles apart, it was thought that some kind of dual-pastorate arrangement might be possible. The first service was held in a home in November 1854. Charter members present were Sarah Gast, Henry Gast, D.D. Culbertson, Mary E. Culbertson, Mary McCausland, Mary E. Knox, John Moyer, Phillip Moyer, John L. Gast, Margaret Gast, George Beard, Matilda Beard, Charles Sikes, Isabel Sikes, Samuel Porter, and Elizabeth Porter. The church was built in 1888 and is still in use. The Princeton and LeClaire churches were served by the same pastors from 1854 through 1944.

A prominent Presbyterian minister who had charge of the Princeton church in 1863 was Rev. James McBride. McBride's son, Thomas H. McBride, became president of the University of Iowa.



The Princeton Presbyterian Church  
was organized Nov. 22, 1854  
with 17 charter members.

The present building was  
erected in 1888, with a  
basement dug <sup>out</sup> in 1921.

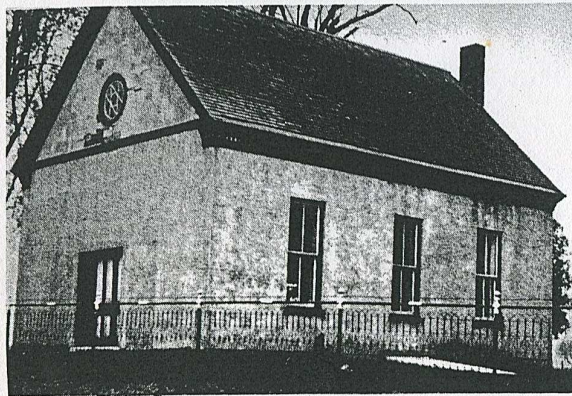
The manse was completed in  
1955, + a small addition to the  
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The sanctuary was remodeled  
in 1969. 179 members on  
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## LUTHERAN CHURCH, PRINCETON TOWNSHIP, RURAL

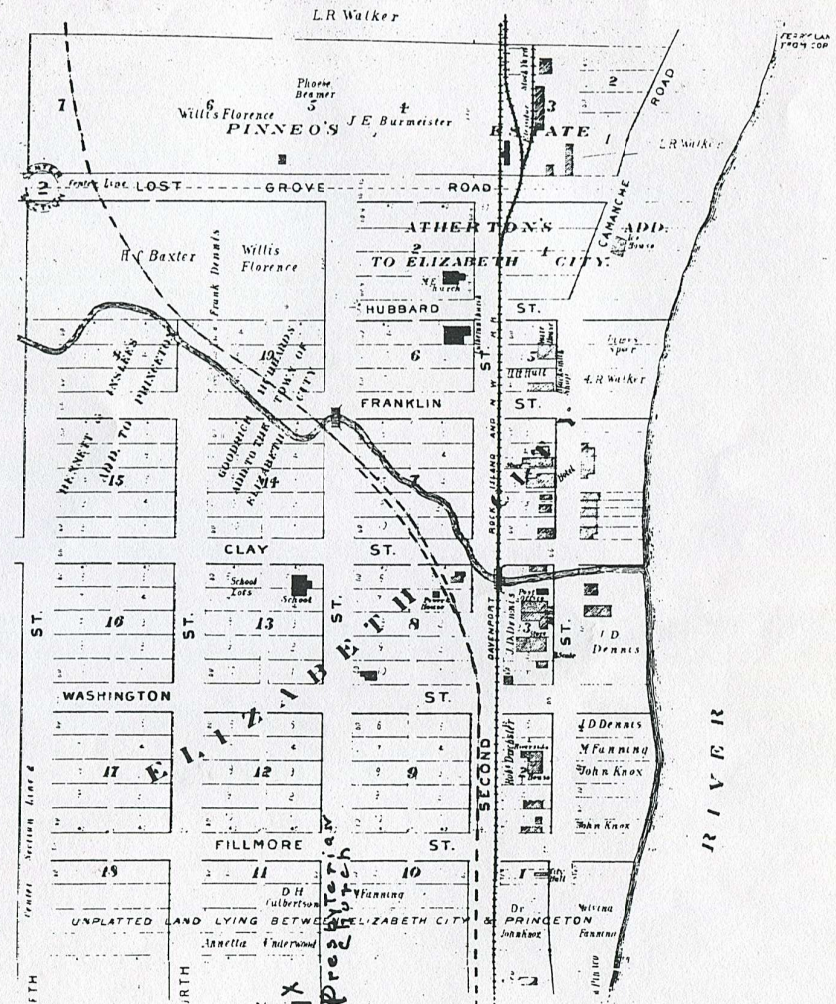
The brick building on Section five, built by the Methodist group in 1853 as related, was purchased by Lutherans in 1856. The church was organized by Rev. Daniel Garber or Rev. R. Shearer (records conflict). Those attending an organizational meeting in January 1852 were J.C. Rice, John and Margaret Gast, Dr. S. and Angeline Gast, Catherine Earhat, J.A. and Matilda Gast, and H.C. and Sarah Gast. Services were irregular until 1856 when Rev. Shearer took permanent charge of the congregation of only eleven members. The congregation grew slowly. Attendance was often poor because of the bad condition of the roads. The conviction grew that much better attendance would result if the church were located in the town of Princeton.



SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, PRINCETON TOWNSHIP, RURAL

## PRINCETON

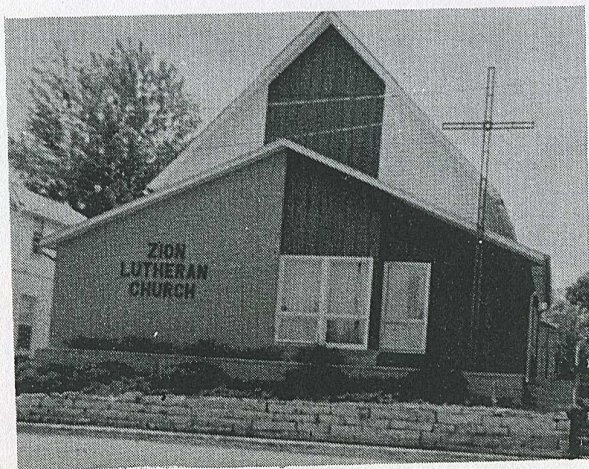
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## ZION LUTHERAN, TOWN OF PRINCETON

In 1888 Rev. J.L. Hammond, then the pastor at Salem Lutheran or Lost Grove Church, arranged to conduct Lutheran services at 2:30 p.m. at Dennis Hall in Princeton every Sunday afternoon. This was to be on a trial basis. The attendance was so gratifying that soon plans were made to construct a church in the town. The building lot on Second Street was donated by Christian Schmalz. The church, built in 1898, was called Zion Lutheran. Some of the early members were Mr. and Mrs. Christian Schmalz, son Andrew, and daughters Anna, Ella, and Mrs. E.L. Slaughter. Others were Mr. and Mrs. Justus Pope, Mr. and Mrs. Adam McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Helble, Mrs. Oliver Keiholtz, Mrs. Sophia Like, Mr. and Mrs. William Olinger, and Mrs. Hannah Pollock, and her two daughters. The first permanent full-time pastor of this group was Rev. M.L. Kunkelman. Salem Lutheran Church at Lost Grove, "Old Brick", still had occasional services until the 1920's. The well-kept cemetery is still in use. The old brick church was razed in the 1940's.



**ZION LUTHERAN  
PRINCETON, IOWA**

## METHODIST CHURCH IN PRINCETON

Methodist circuit riders from the Rockingham circuit held services in Princeton Township at an early date. A log house owned by H.H. Pinneo was used as a school and for religious services by various groups in 1846. Some Methodists who met regularly in the "Loy Cabin Church" were G.M. Pinneo, Asenath Pinneo, Haswell Pinneo, Thomas Hubbard, Hannah Hubbard, Pendleton Hubbard, Abijah Goodrich, Rachel Goodrich, John Doty, and Marian Doty. The first resident minister was Joel Taylor.

In 1853 three men of this group, Porter McKinstry, Jerry Goodrich and James Todd built a brick church on section five on the Lost Grove Road, now known as the Argo-Princeton Road. Besides those mentioned above, other members were David Shoemaker, Daniel Conrad, David Todd, and Wesley Van Duzer. Growth in membership proved disappointing, and the group decided to build a new church on Lot four on Second Street in the town of Princeton. This was in 1858. Methodists remained active in Princeton for almost seventy years. In 1882 the church reported a membership of forty persons. The pastor was Rev. J.W. Coates. A declining membership caused the group to disband in the early 1900's. The building was sold and later acquired by the Roman Catholic Church. Today the old building is in use as a fishing bait shop.



**PRINCETON METHODIST CHURCH**



# RELIG

## NOTEBOOK

### **Zion Lutheran Church celebrates 160 years**

Zion Lutheran Church, Princeton, Iowa, will celebrate 160 years of ministry Aug. 17-19 with a weekend of fun, fellowship, food and worship.

An old-time outdoor revival is planned on Friday at the church, with games, music, singing and exhibits. Games and old-fashioned "chores" will open at 4:30 p.m. with butter churning, apple pressing and other 1852 activities. Pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs and side dishes will be served. Celebration Praise Band and guest soloists will perform at 7 p.m.

A movie presentation of the film "Luther" will begin at 7 p.m. Aug. 18 at the Princeton Bolls Community Center, with popcorn and soft drinks available.

Sunday worship Aug. 19 will be at 9 a.m., led by Southeastern Iowa Synod Bishop Michael Burk and Zion's new pastor, the Rev. Julie Monnard. A potluck luncheon will follow at 11:30 a.m. at the Bolls Community Center. Everyone is invited.

Zion is the second-oldest United Lutheran Church of America, according to the archives of Wartburg Seminary. On Jan. 25, 1852, worshippers gathered in a small rural church west of the river to form a congregation known at Salem Lutheran. Services began in the town of Princeton in 1888. Located on U.S. 67 in Princeton, Zion has been in its present location since 1922.





December 23, 1998

Mrs. Penne Miller  
Princeton, IA 52768

Dear Penne:


Enclosed is a "Memory" brochure from our 90th Anniversary dinner. I want to thank you and your husband for the fantastic help you provided us in making the video. Your providing the building and antiques for the film was very generous and thoughtful. We've received many compliments on the video and are extremely pleased with the quality presentation you helped us exhibit.

Penne, please accept the video copy as a token of our sincere appreciation.

Hope to see you the at the 100th anniversary celebration in 2008.

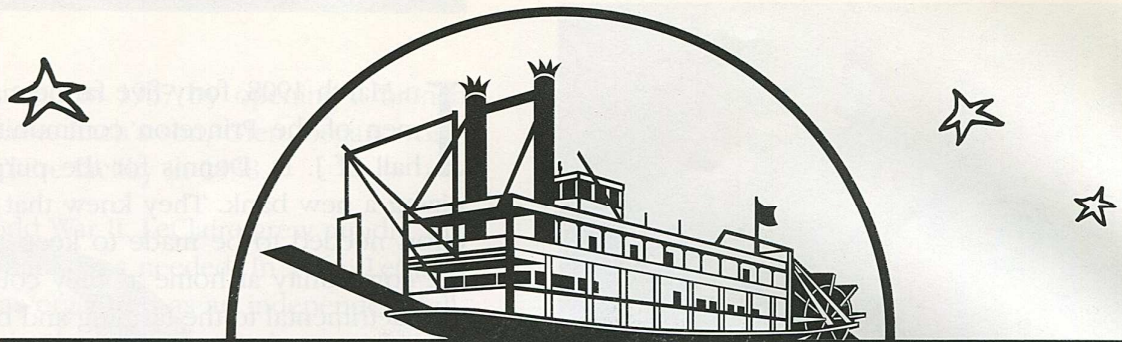
Thanks for your support.

Sincerely,

  
Stephen G. Suiter  
President

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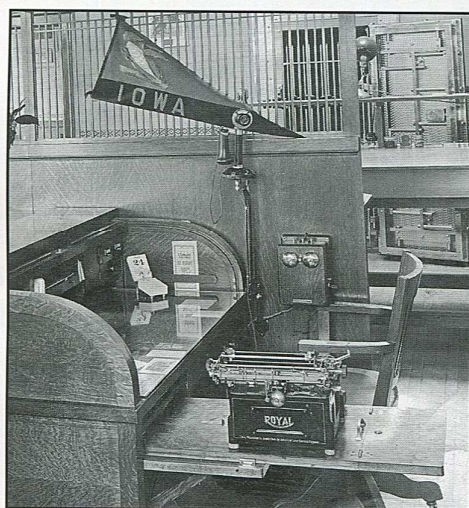
*Zach Suiter and Charles Suiter at work in the bank's first building in 1912.*





The "new" bank lobby in Princeton, 1915.

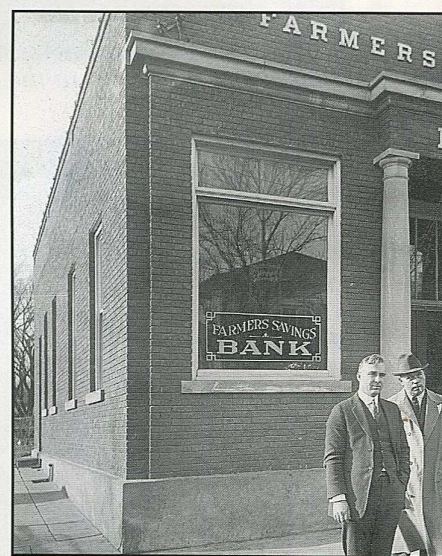
One of the  
offices in the  
bank, circa  
1915.



Bank officers from the 40s, (front row, left to right) Fred McConnell, Andrew Schmalz, Zach Suiter; (back row, left to right) Emil Kroeger, Heman Shaff, John Wilson and Ralph Brown.

In March 1908, forty-five farmers and businessmen of the Princeton community met in the hall of J. D. Dennis for the purpose of organizing a new bank. They knew that an organized effort needed to be made to keep the money of the community at home as they could see that it was detrimental to the farming and business interests whenever money was deposited elsewhere. The group sold \$10,000 in capital stock to 66 stockholders, acquired a charter, rented a building, bought furniture and fixtures for \$550, hired Charles H. Suiter as Cashier for \$50 a month, and started doing business as Farmers Savings Bank in April of that year. They paid 4% interest on savings accounts and it appears that expenses exceeded income by \$86.52 the first year. However, deposits then totaled over \$50,000 and by the second annual stockholders meeting, net profits of \$716.58 had accumulated!

Charles Suiter's brother, Zach, started working at the bank in 1912 and became Cashier in 1917. The bank continued to grow the first two decades and then came the Great Depression. Deposits dropped nearly 50%, but the bank persevered and



Farmers Savings Bank in downtown Princeton





actually expanded in 1937 by opening a branch office in LeClaire. Zach's son, Glen, began working at the LeClaire facility in 1938.

Following World War II, LeClaire grew rapidly and a full-service bank was needed. In 1966, LeClaire State Bank was organized as an independent full-service bank in the office formerly occupied by Farmers Savings Bank. A new building was built in 1968 overlooking the river. Glen's son, Steve, joined the bank in 1976 and Glen's daughter, Jane, in 1990—the third generation of the Suiter family in the bank. Glen's sister, Lois, has also been active in the bank since 1961 as a director.

In September 1996, the board decided to simplify the operations of the two banks and make banking easier for the customer base. The two banks were joined under the name "Great River Bank & Trust" allowing customers to bank in either town.

Ninety years from its beginning, Great River Bank & Trust remains a locally owned, community bank. Our commitment to our customers and community has never been stronger. Stop by and experience the Great River Bank difference!

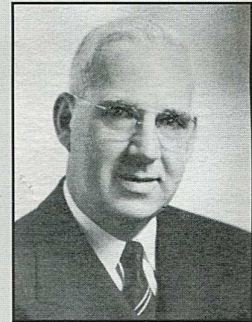
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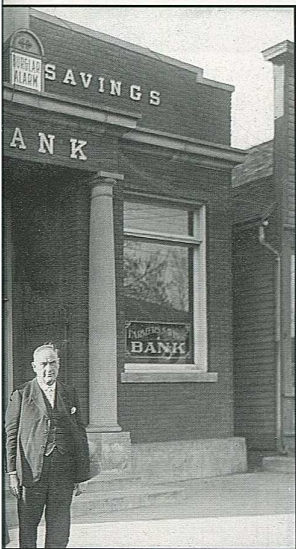
Of the smaller county institutions, the Farmers' Savings Bank at Princeton stands in a class by itself among all the banks in the county as the only one to weather the depression without having been closed, except for the brief period when all banks were closed by executive order, and to have operated at all times unrestricted. There was no loss to depositors.

The Princeton bank experienced withdrawals in about the same proportion as other banks, its deposits shrinking gradually from more than \$300,000 to about \$150,000 when all the banks were closed by the president. In spite of this shrinkage, however, it was permitted to open without any restriction.

Since that time, under the leadership of Cashier Zach Suiter, the bank has grown steadily until deposits today are more than \$420,000, the highest in the institution's history. Surplus and undivided profits are well over \$13,000 and the bank's condition generally is regarded as exceptionally fine.



Zach Suiter



Princeton in the 1940s.

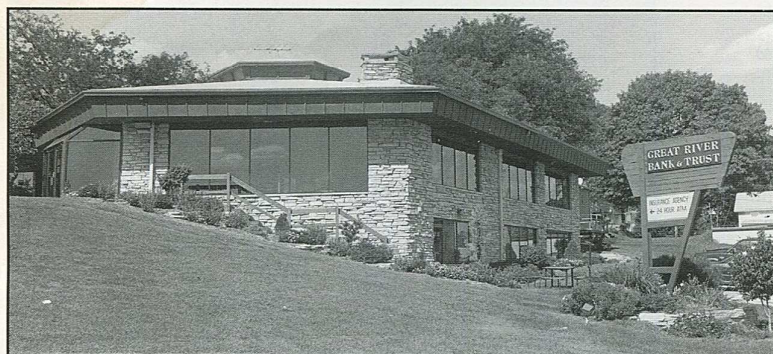


The bank officers in 1985, (clockwise) Lois (Suiter) O'Malley, Jerry Waters, Bob Wells, Wesley Schmalz, Glen Suiter, Steve Suiter, Orville Stewart, Paul Shaff, and Howard Hamilton.

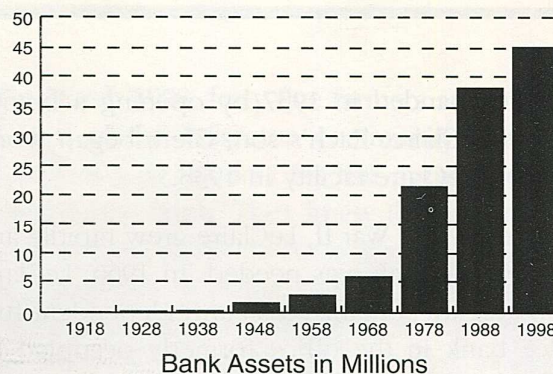




1985 photo of the Princeton office shortly after construction.



1998 photo of the LeClaire office.



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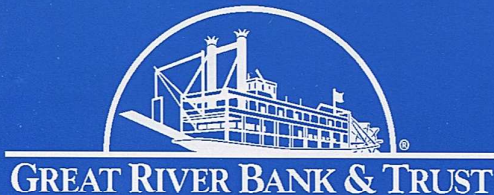


A ribbon cutting in 1996 marked the occasion of unifying the two bank's under one name—Great River Bank & Trust. Pictured are (left to right) Tom Dierickx, Steve Suiter, Dorothy Cole, Glen Suiter, Jane (Suiter) Gabard, Brenda Rogers and Princeton Mayor David McLaughlin.



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## 99 Years of Commitment to You

**E**mbarking upon Great River Bank & Trust's 99 years of serving this community, I had a moment to reflect. As I sat in my LeClaire office, looking out over the Mississippi River, my mind raced contemplating how we can continue to show our customers that we are truly leaders in the communities we serve. We work hard to keep our faithful customers and strive to assist customers who have not yet experienced our top-notch customer service.

Many places speak about customer service; however, often times they neglect to actually practice it. Our employees stand for customer service. Their commitment to excellence and dedication to hard work truly makes our institution stand out from the competition. Having been here almost 32 years, I know many of our employees have been here a long time. When I actually took a moment

to refresh my memory, it was almost overwhelming!

Brenda Rogers, Assistant Vice President, Community Relations Representative and Club 55 Coordinator has been with our banking family for over 40 years; Carolyn Christner, Administrative Assistant and Assistant Internal Auditor, has been with us for over 37 years; Linda Meeker in our Bookkeeping Department is embarking on her 30th year; while Branch Manager Jodi Maxwell and Debbie Corson, Bookkeeping, have been in our banking family for over 20 years. Jane Lakeman, Vice President, has been here 17 years. Kenny Oetzmahn, Senior Vice President, has been here 14 years and has had over 40 years of banking experience. The fact that we have employees stay with us for so many years is almost unheard of in this day and age.

Having said that, I am extremely proud to serve as their President and CEO and proud to serve you. As we finish out this 99th year and begin our 100th anniversary, my hope is that you continue to see our employees as your community leaders and Great River Bank & Trust as your community leading financial institution.

From our family to yours,

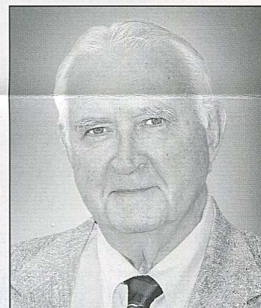
**Stephen G. Suiter**  
President/CEO



## CHAIRMAN EMERITUS HONORED

**T**he harder I work, the luckier I get."

It's a slogan Glen Suiter lives by. He believes in it so much, in fact, that he gave a plaque with this exact phrase to each



one of his nine grandsons. In the opinion of those who surround him, however, it was more than luck that helped make Great River Bank & Trust what it is today. The Suiter ancestors began the banking tradition. Glen Suiter continued this tradition. He played a large role in the bank's 99 year history, following the lead of his father Zach and creating his own path to success.

In a recent interview, Glen remembered back to when he was 11-12 years old, working in the old Princeton bank (currently the Princeton branch of the Scott County Library) sweeping the floors, emptying waste baskets, dusting, and yes, emptying the spittoons for his father Zach. "It wasn't pleasant...but it was my job...that's where I started learning banking!" Glen stated.

He then attended the University of Iowa. There he heard from a friend that the Navy was offering a new program. He and his friend took a train to Des Moines to find out more. As a result, he enlisted in the United States Navy Reserve and continued to stay in college. From there, in 1943, he continued his education and naval training in Kentucky and went on to become an Officer of the United States Navy Reserve in Plattsburgh, NY at the age of 20. He laughed as he remembered requesting PT boat duty, but his request was denied. He was appointed Skipper of an LCT Amphibious Craft, in Bethesda, MD. He was in charge of a 12 man crew,

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and his craft became one of the first flotilla to run a long ocean passage to Okinawa, Japan. "We were training for the invasion of Japan when President Truman dropped the bombs that ended WWII," he recalled. Glen explained his history in the military. "I never got shot at, I never got hurt, I saw a lot of the world, and I grew up in a hurry."

He married Ruthann in 1944 and came out of the Navy during Christmas of 1945. He fondly remembers purchasing his first house with Ruthann in 1946. His father Zach signed a note with them at another bank. Immediately after the war, Glen went back to the bank and worked for his father as Assistant Cashier. In looking back, he was only able to share three more years with his father in the banking business, before Zach Suiter passed away at the young age of 58. He commented that he would've enjoyed having more time to learn from his father before he passed away and would've benefited by being able to see how other financial institutions operated in comparison. However, with his father gone, he had a great deal of responsibility, and he had to perform.

He became the youngest executive officer in the history of Great River Bank. Although he faced many challenges learning the ropes, he never dwelled on his problems. "There are a lot of excuses, but there are very few good excuses." He remembered several times if he was struggling to make a decision for a customer, he'd open the small steel door of the old Princeton bank's vault, step inside, and close the door behind him. It

became his sanctuary, where he could think out a problem.

He also laughed remembering when he sold hail insurance to customers. He would take his kids in the car with him, "and away we'd go!" he smiled. Putting his love of the water in a close second, Glen said, "I had an unwritten rule that I wouldn't put my boat in the water until the hail work was done!" That's a challenge for someone who, when he was about 15, bought a 15 foot boat hull, put in a Ford V8 engine, and made it go 45 mph! "It was a fast little boat!" he chuckled.

With all his hard work and passion, Glen makes remaining humble look easy. "I have been very fortunate that I have a heritage to live up to. I can't give enough credit to the Board of Directors and staff that have assisted me and been loyal with the same ultimate goals in community service and banking."

"I've always been a man of my word. It's important to me. We have a lot of families that are still customers...their fathers were customers of my father's."

He spoke very highly of Dorothy Cole, his Secretary for nearly 52 years. "She was a wonderful person and a fantastic secretary. She always left her desk clean at night and was well organized."

Dorothy Cole fondly recalled her banking history with Glen. "He is the greatest guy I know to this day to work with. Everything ran smoothly. He nicknamed me 'Radar,' because he would be on the telephone with a customer and mentioned he had to get their file. He would turn around, and I would be there

with it in hand. I knew what he was going to say before he said it! I enjoyed working with him, obviously. He taught me everything I know."

He also shared his passion with other area organizations. He became the first Treasurer of the North Scott School District and stayed in an elected basis for almost 20 years including being a School Board Member for 4 years. In addition, he was on the Board of Directors for the American Red Cross, Iowa Bankers Association, and President of the Scott County Bankers Association.

In his professional banking history, Glen goes back to his, "The harder you work, the luckier you get" phrase. "My luck has stemmed from great customers, a great community, great Board of Directors, and a fantastic staff...I have not done it alone." Glen retired as Chairman of the Board in 2002 and became Chairman Emeritus. He proceeded to comment on the bank's 99 year history and the bank's 100 year anniversary next year. "It's very difficult to run a small bank today. You have to be pretty smart to stay abreast of what is going on...I'm very proud of my two children, Steve who is President and Jane, Vice President, who are continuing the family tradition of community banking... We've always been there for the community and customers. We are nearly 100 years now, we must be doing something right... I've had the best customers anywhere that could exist, that's one of the reasons I've been lucky."

In the eyes of those who know Glen Suiter, it is truly all of us who are the lucky ones.



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## Dixon church considers closing; offers building to city for \$1

■ Hope Lutheran's future  
in doubt; land is owned by  
Dixon Cemetery Company

By Alan Dale  
NSP Assistant Editor

If the congregation votes to do so, a distinct possibility exists that Hope Lutheran Church in Dixon will shut its doors sooner than later.

At the Aug. 6 Dixon City Council proceedings, it was announced that if the church decides to dissolve, they would offer the building, located on 300 Muscatine St., as a gift to the city.

The problem is that the land it rests on is owned by the Dixon Cemetery Company, and according to Butch Richlen, president of the company, they haven't been contacted about this matter to date.

"They haven't talked to me a bit, no one has approached me about the church," Richlen said. "We have to give them a deed to the land that the church sits on because we own the land. They haven't even come to us about a quit-claim deed if they sell the building to the city."

Richlen said that the quit-claim deed would be for no cost.

"I'd have to give the ground to the city," Richlen said. "I wouldn't want to put anything into it or get anything out of it."

Betty Rock has been attending Hope Lutheran for almost 40 years and served as the church's financial secretary about a dozen years ago. She is disappointed in the news.

"I am a member and I don't know too much about it being up for sale, but I don't feel happy about it," Rock said. "It would be too bad if they were going to close the doors. There are only three or four that come and the people who run the church seldom come (to services)."

Rock noted that the decline in attendance has a little bit "to do with everybody" not sticking up for the church and the younger members are not as involved.

"Come to church and support it," Rock said. "Be there. I can see why some left, but you can take only so much tension ... I think we could have got it all worked out if they all stuck at it."

Rock intimated that she believes the council had given suggestions that seemed to be dismissed by Hope Lutheran's president and pastor in the past.

"There are hardly any members even that come from town," Rock said. "I'd hate to see the church close. You can put part of the blame on me for not sticking

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## IPIB: Princeton violates open meetings law

■ State board finds merit in  
complaint from citizen

By Sarah Hayden  
NSP Staff Writer

Princeton city council members are under investigation for being in violation of the Open Meetings Act, according to a ruling by the Iowa Public Information Board in Des Moines on Aug. 20.

IPIB executive director Charlie Smithson said the board found merit to accept a complaint by Princeton resident Bill Grunder, who submitted a trail of emails from May 15-20

including all council members and Mayor Keith Youngers as they discussed city business.

Because there is a quorum of council members on the email trail, it constitutes a meeting by electronic means and thereby violates Iowa's open meetings law.

Princeton's council is made up of five members and therefore, a quorum is three or more members. A quorum of any governmental body is not allowed to meet secretly to discuss business, make decisions or vote without the public being notified of the meeting 24 hours in advance and invited to attend.

According to Iowa Code section 21.2, a meeting is defined as "a gathering in person or by electronic means, formal or informal, of a majority of the members of a governmental

body where there is deliberation or action upon any matter within the scope of (their) duties."

The Iowa Open Meetings Law was passed in 1967 to allow for examination of public records and amended in subsequent years to include public meetings. Its intent is to ensure open and transparent government.

The only exception when the public may be excluded is closed sessions. A handful of specific reasons allow for a board or council to enter into closed session and still, the members cannot meet by electronic communication.

Princeton held its regularly scheduled council meeting the same evening of the IPIB hearing.

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## Incumbents eye their futures as city elections draw near

■ Majority of city officials lean toward seeking re-election

By Alan Dale  
NSP Assistant Editor

Many Americans will await the new seasons of some of their favorite television shows as fall approaches.

But arguably, one of the best reality shows around is about to take shape with a new blend of intrigue, passion, and a desire to win.

The 2016 Scott County election season is closing in, and Monday was the first day to file nomination papers with the county auditor for cities without primary provisions. Papers cannot be filed with a respective city clerk.

Regular city Election Day is set for Tuesday, Nov. 3.

That means that from Eldridge to Long Grove to Dixon to Princeton, more than three dozen posts will be up for re-election in our area of coverage.

This also indicates that it is time for that same number of incumbents to decide if they want to run again or if their term as a mayor or commissioner has been well spent and it's now time to move on to new things.

Either way, the next two months plus should make for some interesting viewing.

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# Editor Scott Campbell inducted into Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame

North Scott Press editor Scott Campbell became Scott County's newest inductee into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame Sunday in a ceremony at the 4-H Building at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines.

Campbell was nominated by Scott County Extension in recognition of his dedication to the 4-H program through his diaries and photos that have told the stories of exhibitors at the Mississippi Valley for more than three decades.

"Scott Campbell may know all the 4-Hers in Scott County better than anyone!" says the script that was read at Sunday's induction. "For over 30 years, he has spent time with them at each fair, listening to their stories,

sharing their experiences and recording their accomplishments for a special fair edition of *The North Scott Press*.

"He spends time at every livestock show and takes pictures in the exhibit building and show rings. His daily diary relates stories and insights about the members and volunteers, and documents their moments at the fair.

"The 4-Hers, volunteers and community get a good view of what happens during the week. Scott, with his camera and easy smile, has become a treasured sight for many during each fair.

"Graduates come back to the fair and look him up for a chat. 4-H members share a laugh.

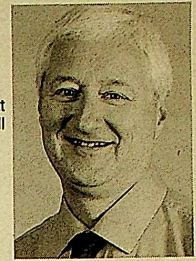
Parents love his interactions with youth.

"Scott Campbell is truly a friend of 4-H in Scott County, and we celebrate his induction to the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame."

Campbell was one of 92 inductees nominated by their respective counties. He was accompanied at the induction by his wife, Beth, and NSP publishers Bill and Linda Tubbs.

The Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame was established in 2002. Past honorees from Scott County are: Joanne Fahrenkrog (2002), Gary Bein (2004), John and Claudia VenHorst (2009), Eugene and Shirley Newell (2011), Mike Holst (2012), Mary Schwarz (2013), and Jeanette Korthaus (2014).

Scott Campbell



## Princeton: Council frustrated on lack of info

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When questioned by a *North Scott Press* reporter about the investigation, council members said they knew about the complaint, but expressed shock a reporter was able to attend the hearing by conference call and already had a copy of the outcome.

"I don't understand how the press can get a copy when we are the ones being investigated. If we're involved in it, why weren't we invited to the call?" council member Karen Woomert asked.

"I have gotten no information other than what I am hearing from (the reporter) about this," Mayor Youngers said.

The reporter responded that Iowa Public Information Board agendas are open records and meetings are open to the public. Anyone is able to monitor complaints and attend a conference call hearing if they look up the agenda on the IPIB website.

"We weren't even made aware of the open meeting and we're involved in it," Woomert added.

Mayor Youngers replied the city knew a hearing would be held "sometime," but not when.

"We weren't even told we were going to have a conference call, so why weren't we allowed access to that? Or at least our city attorney be involved in it?" Woomert asked.

Council members Liz Bosworth and Ann Geiger were absent from the Aug. 20 meeting.

Mayor Youngers said he did not know why city attorney Mikkie Schiltz of Lane & Waterman was absent from the meeting.

When reached for comment, Schiltz said she only attends city council meetings when the mayor or a council member asks her to be there.

"I'm not involved in the day-to-day business of Princeton," Schiltz said. "It's a fiscal responsibility, too. It costs a lot to have me there, and they are trying to be fiscally responsible."

The Iowa Public Information Board acts as a mediator between complainants and a governmental body accused of violations. It provides an alternative solution to court action.

It was stated during the Aug. 20 hearing that the IPIB has already reviewed 492 cases this year.

### City signs

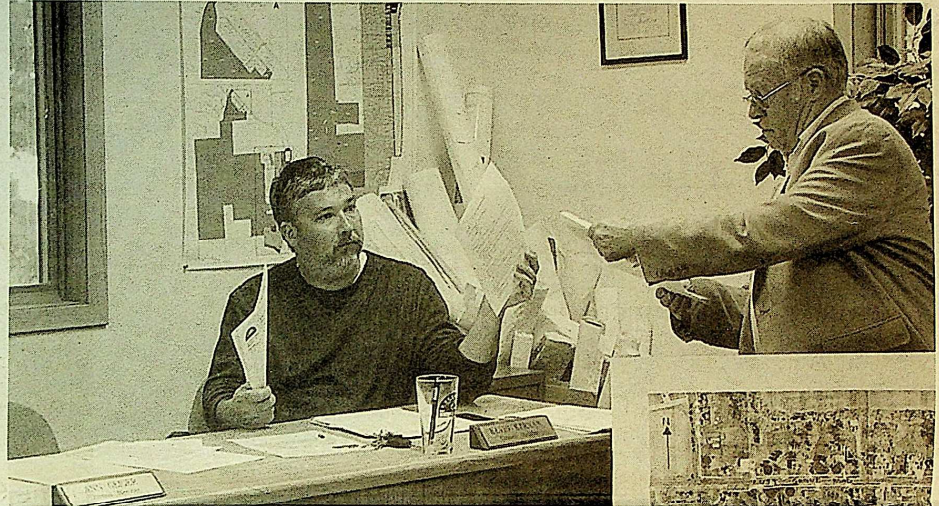
The email discussion under investigation centered on Grunder's offer to pay for lighting the "Welcome to Princeton" sign at the south entrance of town.

There are three entrances into Princeton, marked with wooden, hand-made signs that were rehabbed in recent years as part of Eagle Scout projects. All three remained unlit until Grunder stepped in and offered to pay for turning on the meter to light the south-end sign.

As a result, council members voted in April to approve of Grunder paying the monthly bill as a donation to the city.

Grunder said council member Brian Carter approached him about raising funds to light the other two signs and after doing some research, told Grunder \$800 would be needed to complete the project.

Grunder contributed \$200 on behalf of his business, Retirement Solutions of America, and raised \$200 each from Casey's General Store, Blackhawk State Bank, and Mayor Youngers' screenprinting business, Keith & Co.



Council member Kevin Kernan speaks with sidewalk committee member John Cunard during the Aug. 20 council meeting. Kernan sparked an open records investigation by the Iowa Public Information Board when he held an electronic meeting.

NSP Photo by Sarah Hayden

Grunder said it was important to him to light up signs entering Princeton.

"We spent \$2,500 to have Main Street Iowa (program) come in and tell us we don't have a Main Street. One of the simple solutions is that we have these beautiful signs on the entrances to Princeton — these full-color, beautiful signs — and you can't see them at night," he said.

"The light for the south-end sign had already been installed; it just didn't have power run to it. It seemed like a quick, easy fix. In one phone call, I had electricity run to the sign, and it's my gift to the city."

Grunder said he pays less than \$20 each month for the electrical bill.

### The emails

The illegal meeting was instigated by council member Kevin Kernan, who sent an email dated May 15 to all council members and Mayor Youngers.

In the email, Kernan calls Grunder's offer to light the south sign a kind gesture, but suggests the city is "dropping the ball" by not lighting up their own signs.

"I did not copy the clerk on this email, and I don't expect it will be forwarded as I am only making a suggestion that we should light up our own signs," he wrote.

The city clerk at the time was AJ Grunder, wife of Bill Grunder. AJ resigned May 28 after six years in her position, citing a hostile work environment.

Council member Ann Geiger replied to everyone on the email on May 18.

"If Mr. Grunder wants to purchase the sign from the city and light it, fine. Otherwise, it is city property, and I do not think having a private individual pay for a city sign is a good idea. I'm not sure it is legal without all kinds of paperwork," she wrote.

Carter replied to everyone on May 20, "I am working on getting this ownership back to the city. I don't want this chat as being considered a quorum communication."

Later that afternoon, Carter sent out another email to all council members and Mayor Youngers indicating a decision had been made

outside of a public meeting.

He wrote, "Here is how the light thing will be going. The meter will be changed over to the town. Donor will be paying the city for monthly charges and is still progressing for finding donors for solar lights. I believe 'lights' should be added to a member's duties so issues can be discussed as normal business."

Half an hour later, Woomert replied to all.

"In my opinion, someone created a new board or committee that was not approved by council, and this committee is doing what they please with city property. This should not be allowed to happen. What has been done was done prior to being brought to council."

Woomert continued, "Believe me, I am all about beautifying our community, but in the proper, legal documented way."

Council members Liz Bosworth and Mayor Youngers never replied to the email conversation.

No mention was made of resident Iva Auliff, who supplied electricity to light up the Lost Grove Road (west) entrance for many years by running a drop cord from her residence until she passed away.

Grunder reacted to the emails, "This back-room snarkiness breeds contempt within the community."

"This idea that open records and open meetings rules are there to be circumvented, and that they need to find ways around them to keep the public from being informed, I just think it's wrong. It sets a bad precedent. How are you supposed to trust your government if you don't know what they're doing?" he added.

Although he acknowledged Kernan has good intentions, Grunder said it could have been handled better if the council had brought their decision to a public vote during a council meeting.

### The investigation

A copy of the complaint takes into consideration that when Mr. Grunder requested copies of the emails through an open records request, only some of the council members

complied. This is a violation of Iowa's open records law.

Schiltz said she disagrees with the Iowa Public Information Board's investigation.

"It's a pending investigation. We disagree there is a violation given the time frame among everybody. The city believes it is appropriate to take proper training so everyone is aware of obligations regarding email."

"It was an email discussion over five days, at least by several council members," she added.

When it was pointed out the emails still constituted a quorum discussion, Schiltz responded, "I have not gone through all of the emails in detail yet. Moving forward, I don't think the emails contained a policy-making decision."

Upon hearing the city is under investigation, former clerk AJ Grunder responded, "I am saddened that the city of Princeton feels they are above the rules. As their clerk, I fought against this type of behavior on a daily basis. That is, until they began excluding me from communications."

When asked how council members plan to become more transparent, Mayor Youngers stated everyone will undergo Open Meetings Act and open records training.

While Open Meetings Act training is a requirement in Illinois, it is not yet required in Iowa. Training is offered through the Iowa League of Cities. Schiltz has also offered to meet with council members to provide training.

Bill Grunder reacted to Schiltz's offer to train city officials.

"She's trained them on this before. They've had this conversation. The city attorney has coached them many times on meetings. They just don't want to follow directions."

The IPIB noted on a copy of the outcome, "As part of its response to the complaint, the city stated that it will be conducting training for city officials on open meetings and open records."

Smithson said IPIB officials will work with council members and Grunder to reach a resolution.



# Princeton nears completion of sidewalks near school

## ■ City council accepts bid to do work along Lost Grove Road

By Sarah Hayden  
NSP Staff Writer

Princeton is finally seeing its efforts pay off with the Safe Routes to School initiative, as the city gets closer to constructing or replacing sidewalks along Lost Grove Road.

Princeton City Council members voted to approve a bid during the Aug. 20 regular meeting for K&E Flatwork to install sidewalks in front of the residence at 511 Lost Grove Road and around crosswalks at Virgil Grisom Elementary School at a cost of \$3,568.

A second bid for \$4,264 from Eldridge-based Hammertime Improvements was rejected for being too high.

Council members Liz Bosworth and Ann Geiger were absent.

Council member Brian Carter said there is only about \$5,000 left in the city's sidewalk budget, but noted the residents at 511 Lost Grove Road would be reimbursing the city.

"We're well within the city's expenditures," he said. "We've had good teamwork with the residents."

Sidewalk committee member John Cunard presented a map of the city showing the progress of the project.

Following national Safe Routes to Schools recommendations, the city instructed all homeowners on Lost Grove Road to install or repair existing sidewalks last summer. The safety measure is so students will not have to walk in the street or through grassed yards on their way to the school.

The initiative is part of a multi-year effort to repair sidewalks in the city.

### Police report

Council members heard a report from Chief of Police Brian Carsten that one individual was

arrested during Princeton Days the weekend of July 31 through Aug. 2. No other details were provided.

Chief Carsten shared good news, saying the department has been awarded a Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau grant in the amount of \$4,500 for next year.

He also announced that traffic enforcement will increase with the start of school this week and next.

### Complaint from resident

Mayor Keith Youngers read a letter from resident Bruce Meincke, who expressed his displeasure with the city charging 20 cents per photocopy, including copies of open records requests. He stated that Federal Express only charges 10 cents per photocopy and still makes a profit.

Meincke wrote, "Princeton used to charge 10 cents per copy, and that should be enough to cover their cost of the paper."

"I also want to bring to your attention that all of the tax-paying residents of Princeton are the ones paying for the city's operating costs. We pay for your city hall building, all of your equipment in city hall, we pay for your utility costs, we pay for your wages. So how does (sic) the elected officials of Princeton justify charging 40 percent more than FedEx for a single copy?"

"Let's be fair and reasonable about this to the tax-paying citizens, which in turn pay your operating costs. I believe that a 10-cent charge per copy is more than enough to cover the cost of a single piece of paper," Meincke added.

Mayor Youngers replied, "I say if he can get it for 12 cents at FedEx, then go to FedEx."

"Ten cents is the standard charge. It's pretty minor to irritate people for more than 10 cents, really," resident Steve Satre said.

Referring to requests for city records, Youngers said, "We are small here. It takes the clerk's time as well. Sometimes it's 50 pages that need copying. And a lot of time there is research on how to find this paperwork."

"It's not a high-production copy machine.

That's not what we're in business for, that's why it's 20 cents a copy," council member Carter added.

"That's one of the reasons we have a city clerk full time, is to provide some of those services," Satre said.

In other business the council:

- Approved the appointments of Charlotte Courtney and Wylie Pillers to the planning

and zoning board.

- Heard a report from building inspector Tim Ruser that the city had 21 active building permits at the end of July, some of which were carryover from the county.

- Held the second reading of an ordinance combining the sidewalk and recreational trail committees into one.

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February, 5, 2011 | Sign the Guestbook | Email Announcement PRINCETON, Iowa — Lenore “Granny” Mess, 88, of Princeton, Iowa, died Thursday, February 3, 2011, at Genesis Medical Center-East Rusholme Street, Davenport, Iowa.

Funeral services will be 12:30 p.m. Monday, February 7, 2011, at the Presbyterian Church, Princeton, Iowa. Burial will follow in the Oakridge Cemetery, Princeton. Serving as pallbearers will be Jay Stone, Lance Stone, Terry Joens, Bill Moss, Rick Burkamper, and Bob Harper. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Gary Steffey, Dave Fanning, Dick Smith, Lyn Miskowicz, Denise Mess, and Rachel Mess. Visitation will be from 10:30 a.m. to the service time at the church. The Clinton Chapel-Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

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She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a daughter, a granddaughter, two sisters, and two brothers.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to the Princeton Presbyterian Church. Online condolences may be expressed by visiting her obituary at [www.snellzornig.com](http://www.snellzornig.com).

## Guestbook

- Karen & Roger Woomert

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# OBITUARIES

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## Lilah Bell

BETTENDORF — Lilah Mae Bell, 102, a life-long resident of Scott County, died Monday,



Bell

February 14, 2011, at the Iowa Masonic Health Facilities in Bettendorf, Iowa. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, February

18, 2011, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Pleasant Valley, Iowa, where she was a longtime and faithful member. Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at McGinnis-Chambers Funeral Home in Bettendorf. A brief memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. at the funeral home on Thursday evening. Burial will be in Davenport Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, Meal Services of Scott County, the Center for Active Seniors, Inc. (CASI), or the Putnam Museum.

Lilah was born July 16, 1908, in Davenport, the daughter of Edwin and Mabel (Hitchcock) Merg. She graduated from Davenport High School in 1925, where she was inducted into the Hall of Honor in 1994, and from the former St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in 1929.

She was united in marriage to Walter S. Bell on March 1, 1932, in Lacon, Illinois. He preceded her in death on April 4, 1980.

During the Depression, Lilah was a visiting nurse in Scott County and during World War II and also an instructor of Home Nursing classes for the American Red Cross. She then served as financial secretary and school board secretary for the Pleasant Valley School District for 14 years. In 1960, she established the Homemakers Service in Davenport and served as its Director until she retired in 1977. Later, until her vision was impaired, she was a volunteer counselor for the Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP).

She served as financial secretary for Trinity Lutheran Church for 21 years and was a member of the Social Ministry Committee. In addition, she was on the board of Luther Manor and served as secretary for nine years. Lilah was also a 76-year member of the Silver Creek Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star and had served as Worthy Matron.

Additional memberships included the Putnam Museum Guild where she was past president and former volunteer, the Clarissa C. Cook home where she was past secretary and president, past president, treasurer and director of the LeClaire Women's Club, past secretary and director of the Pleasant Valley Farm Bureau, past-secretary of the CASI board, past president and treasurer of the Quota Club, past president of the Pleasant Valley High School PTA, past president of the Scott County PTA and past secretary of the Duck Creek School PTA. More recently, she was the volunteer chair of the Blind and Visually Impaired Support Group at CASI and also greatly enjoyed the CASI weekly line and pattern dancing activities.

Lilah received many awards over the years. In 1967, she was honored for her 25 years as a Home Nursing instructor for the American Red Cross. In 1975, she was named the "Most Admired Woman in the Quad-Cities" and three years later was named as an Outstanding Iowan representing Scott County Senior Citizens at the Iowa State Fair, serving as a delegate to the Legislative Panel. She won the Diana award in 1980 and was awarded a certificate of appreciation for being a peer reviewer for the National Homecoming Council in 1984. In 1988, she was given the Volunteer Award by the Iowa Medical Auxiliary. She was one of the inaugural inductees in the Quad-Cities Senior Hall of Fame in 2008 and, in celebration of her centennial year, the grand marshal for that year's Fourth of July parade in Bettendorf.

Lilah enjoyed volunteering and traveling extensively. Her favorite visit was to Kenya, Africa. Because she was 89 at the time, she was named "Mama Safari" and sat with the driver during her African safari, which included, because she was always young at heart, the hot-air balloon ride over the Serengeti restricted to those under 75.

Those left to honor her memory include her sons and daughters-in-law, Dr. Jerry A. Bell (Mary Ann Stepp) of Silver Spring, Maryland, and Thomas L. Bell (Peggy Grishover) of Bowling Green, Kentucky; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; her sister, Virginia Morton of Bettendorf; and two special former daughters-in-law.

In addition to her husband, Walter, she was preceded in death by her parents, one son, one grandson, two sisters and two brothers.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family by visiting Lilah's obituary at [www.McGinnis-Chambers.com](http://www.McGinnis-Chambers.com).





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Interment will be at Chippinock Cemetery, Rock Island. Visitation will be 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Quad-City Animal Welfare Shelter, Milan, Ill.; Gilda's Club Quad-Cities; or to Trinity Pathway Hospice, Bettendorf.

Susan was born November 20, 1959, in Moline, a daughter of Donald W. Straw and Donna Taylor Straw. She was united in marriage to Bradley S. Hood on May 29, 1993, in Rock Island. She was previously married for a time to Steven D. Russell.

Sue held many positions over her 28 years at the Rock Island Arsenal, most recently as a distribution planner.

Sue loved sports of all kinds. In high school, she lettered on the Rocky Bowling Team. She was a member of one of the first teams of the inaugural year for the Rock Island Girls Softball Association and continued for many years. She went on to complete writing and small business courses at Black Hawk College. She put her writing talents to work as an intern with the Quad-City Mallards writing player profiles and personality pieces. She had several articles published in the national magazine Just Hockey. Sue loved to travel, not being satisfied as always being a passenger; her great friends encouraged her to obtain her motorcycle license and rode her own bike. Sue's smile and laugh were infectious, and her love of life was apparent to all who knew her. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Susan is survived by her husband, Bradley; son, Timothy M. (Lindsay) Russell; sister and brother-in-law, Debbie and Joe Depaepe, Rock Island; brother and sister-in-law, David and Kayci Straw, Rock Island; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives; and her beloved cat, "Smudge."

She was preceded in death by her father and grandparents.

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He had been employed at J.I. Case in Bettendorf from March 1965 until the plant closing in 1987. He had also farmed throughout his life; farming was a passion and he cherished the farm that he and LaVonne had been fortunate to have acquired. He loved working the land and raising livestock. Watching Western movies and walking at the mall helped to occupy his free time.

He was a member of the church, and a 25-year-plus member of the Lions Club and Moose Club. He also had been a volunteer Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader, and a coach for the West Scott Baseball League.

Memorials can be made to the family for a future memorial in Don's name.

Survivors include his wife, LaVonne; two sons and daughters-in-law, Dave and Beth, and Dennis and Tracey; four grandchildren, Alyssa, Brett, Nick and Jessica; sisters, Betty Davis, Tipton, Dorothy Nost, and Lisbon, Iowa; and a sister-in-law, Marilyn Horan, Billings, Mont.

He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant son, Donald Jr., two brothers and three sisters.

Online remembrances and condolences may be expressed to the family by visiting Don's obituary at [www.hmdfuneralhome.com](http://www.hmdfuneralhome.com).

## Eugene 'Gene' Otto

CLINTON, Iowa — Eugene "Gene" Otto, 72, of Clinton, Iowa, died Saturday, January 22, 2011, at home. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 26, 2011, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Clinton. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, January 25, 2011, at the Clinton Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes and Crematory. Burial will be in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Camanche, Iowa.

## Robert Zare

ROCK ISLAND — Robert Joseph Zare, 59, died at home on Friday, January 21, 2011.

Services are 1:30 p.m. Monday, January 24, at the Tri-City Jewish Center, Rock Island. Burial is at the Hebrew Cemetery, Rock Island, immediately following the services. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to M.D.A., Leukemia and Lymphoma Society or to a favorite charity.

Robert was born on Sunday, April 15, 1951, in Rock Island, a son of Isadore Zare and Mildred (Wyman) Zare. He attended Rock Island schools, graduating in 1969 from Rock Island High School.

He was earlier employed in the family printing business, Artcraft Printing Company.

Robert was a member of the Tri-City Jewish Center and an active member of his high school class reunion committee, attending every reunion since his graduation.

Surviving are his mother, Mildred Zare; sisters, Sandi (Lloyd) Beaulieu and Harriet Zare; brother, Michael Zare, all of Rock Island; two nephews; a special cousin, Dennis Zaretsky, of St. Louis, Mo., endeared by Robert; and special friends, Rhonda Osborn, Vikki Soliz and Cecelia Wright.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Nadine, father, Isadore, and grandparents, Bertha and Sol Wyman, and Molly and Gersen Zaretsky.

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# ARIES

## Donald Irving

Funeral services and Mass of Christian Burial for Donald L. Irving, 77, of Princeton, were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25 at Our Lady of the River Catholic Church, LeClaire, with the Very Rev. Joseph Wolf officiating. The body was cremated. Private family burial will take place at a later date. The Halligan-McCabe-DeVries Funeral Home, Davenport, assisted the family with arrangements.

Mr. Irving died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011, at Genesis East Medical Center, Davenport, following a battle with heart disease.

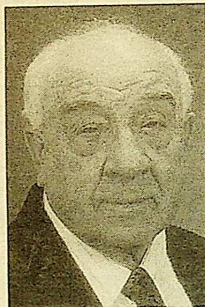
Donald Irving was born Nov. 2, 1933, in Tipton, the son of William and Florence (Andre) Irving. He was one of eight children born to the union and was lovingly referred to as "the runt or Uncle Runt." He attended school in Tipton and Stanwood, and was a talented basketball player. He married LaVonne Parker on July 10, 1953, in Davenport at Newcomb Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Irving was proud to have served in the U.S. Army from 1955-1957.

He had been employed at J.I. Case in Bettendorf from March 1965 until the plant closing in 1987. He had also farmed throughout his life. Farming was a passion and he cherished the farm that he and LaVonne had been fortunate to have acquired. He loved working the land and raising livestock. Watching Western movies and walking at the mall helped to occupy his free time.

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Donald Irving



and a 25-year plus member of the Lions Club and Moose Club. He also had been a volunteer Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader, and a coach for the West Scott Baseball League.

Memorials may be made to the family for a future memorial in his name.

Survivors include his wife; sons, Dave and wife Beth, and Dennis and wife Tracy; grandchildren, Alyssa, Brett, Nick and Jessica; sisters, Betty Davis, Tipton, and Dorothy Nost, Lisbon; and a sister-in-law, Marilyn Horan, Billings, Mont.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant son, Donald Jr.; three sisters and two brothers.

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## Donald Irving

PRINCETON, Iowa — Funeral services and Mass of Christian burial for Donald L. Irving, 77, a resident of Princeton, Iowa, will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 25, 2011, at Our Lady of the River Catholic Church, 28200 — 226th Street Place, LeClaire, Iowa. Very Rev. Joseph Wolf will be the celebrant. Visitation will be at the church today from 3:30 until 7 p.m. There will be additional visitation Tuesday morning before the Mass from 10 until 10:25 a.m.

Following Don's wishes, cremation rites will take place following the funeral. Private family burial will take place at a later date.

The Halligan-McCabe-DeVries Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Don passed away Saturday, January 22, 2011, at Genesis Medical Center, East Campus, Davenport, following a battle with heart disease.

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Don was proud to have



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FAMILY

## Happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, Bessie Sierk

Bessie  
Sierk



In honor of Bessie Sierk's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, family and friends are invited to a reception on Saturday, Jan. 29, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at Grand Haven Retirement Center, Eldridge.

No gifts, please.

She was born Feb. 1, 1911, in Princeton.

The party will be hosted by Don and Pat Sierk, and Bob and Bonnie Sierk.



### *Congratulations!*

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Jon Waller/QUAD-CITY TIMES

Five David elms have been planted in Old Schoolhouse Park, Princeton Iowa. Showing them off here are Penne Miller, secretary of Trees Forever, and Dave McLaughlin, mayor.

## *Sun June 25-1995* Disease-resistant David elms will be distributed

Dutch elm disease was first confirmed in the United States in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1930, apparently after beetles carrying the fungus arrived in the country on logs imported from Europe.

The blight spread across the entire United States range of the American elm between 1930 and 1970.

An estimated 50 million elms, or roughly 60 percent of the trees in towns and cities and across

the United States, were destroyed. It continues to destroy an estimated 400,000 trees each year.

A limited number of David elms — resistant to the disease and featured on the cover of this section — are available from The Morton Arboretum. If you are interested, write to George Ware, The Morton Arboretum, Lisle, Ill. 60532, or call (708) 968-0074.



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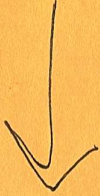
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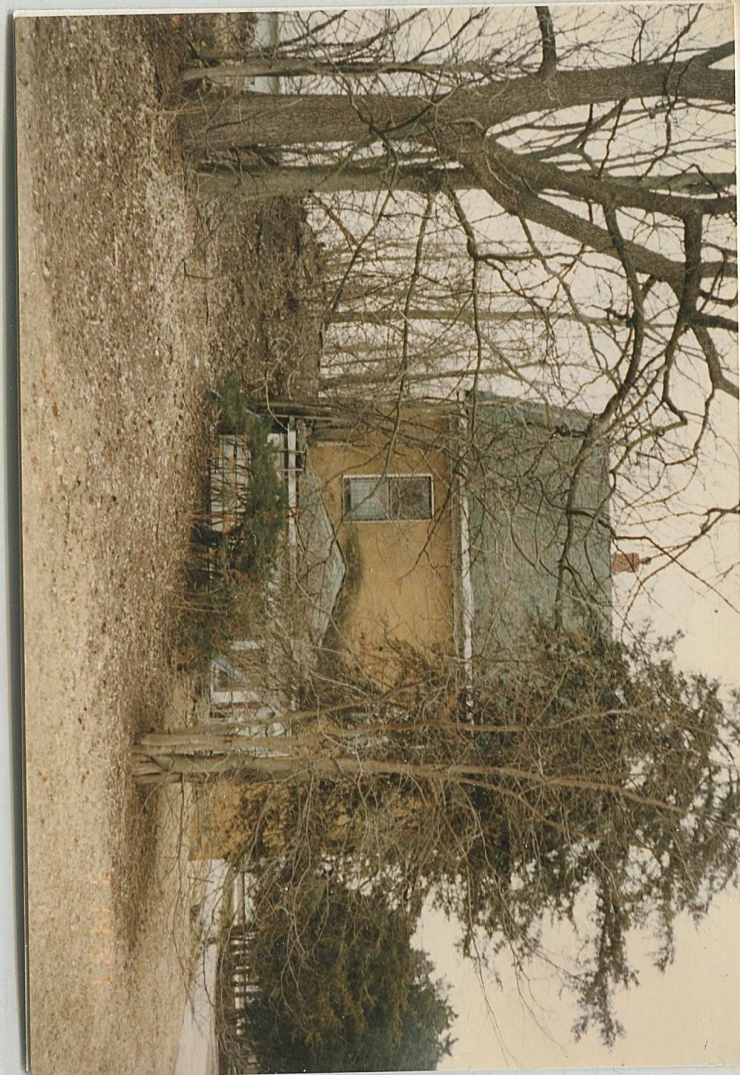


























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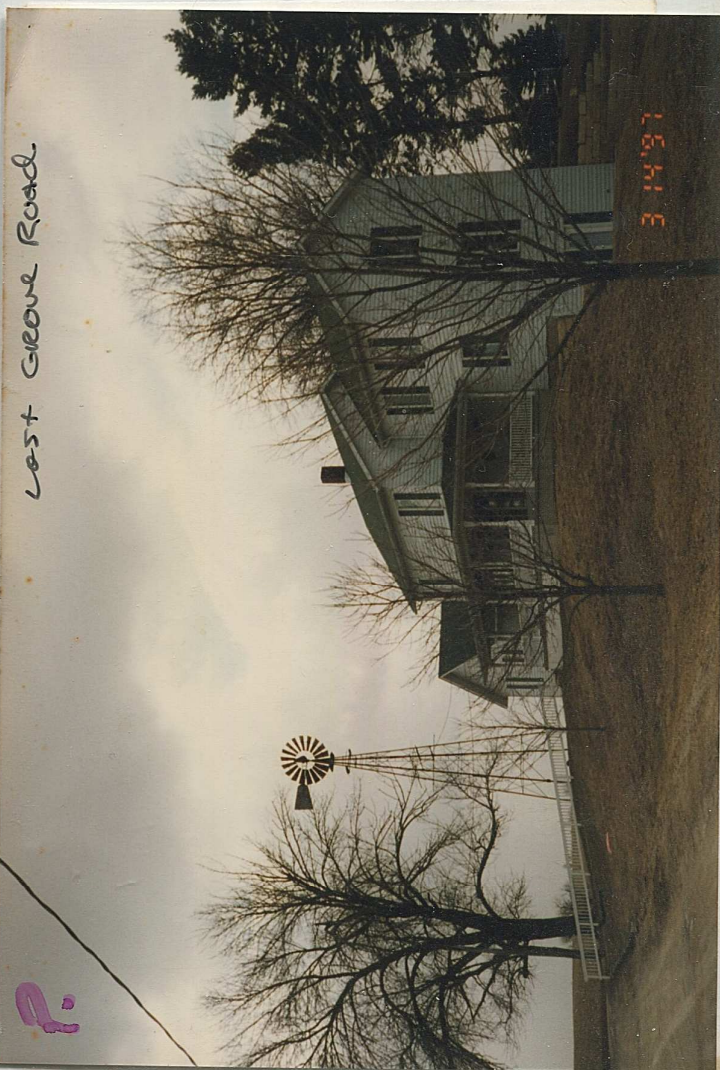






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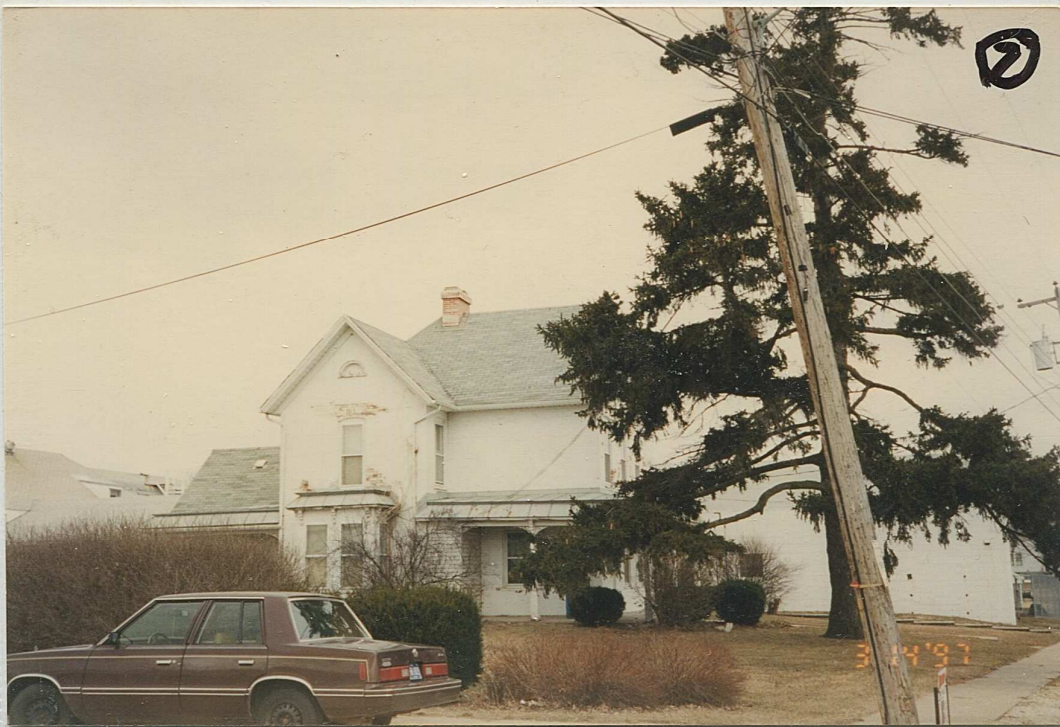
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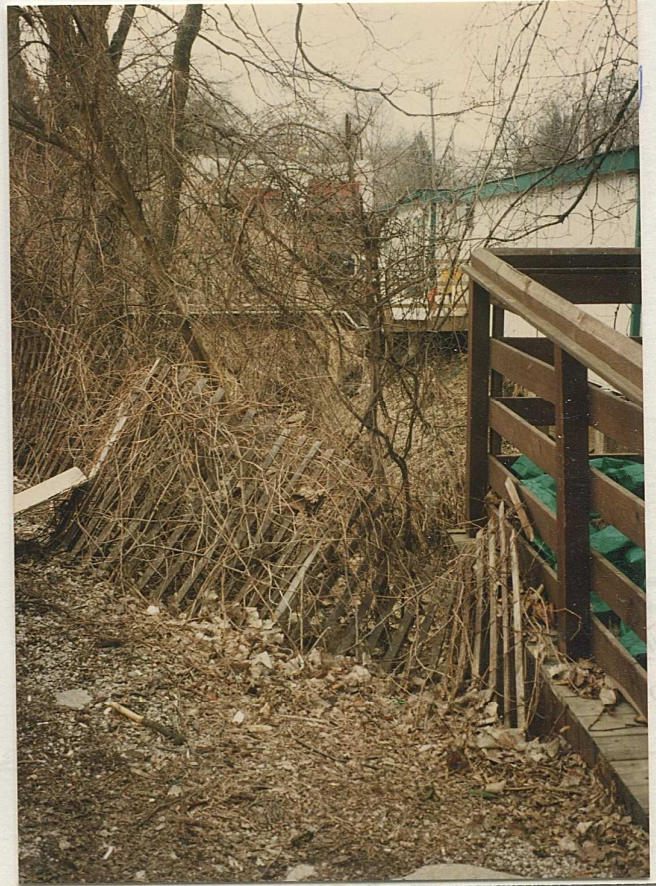










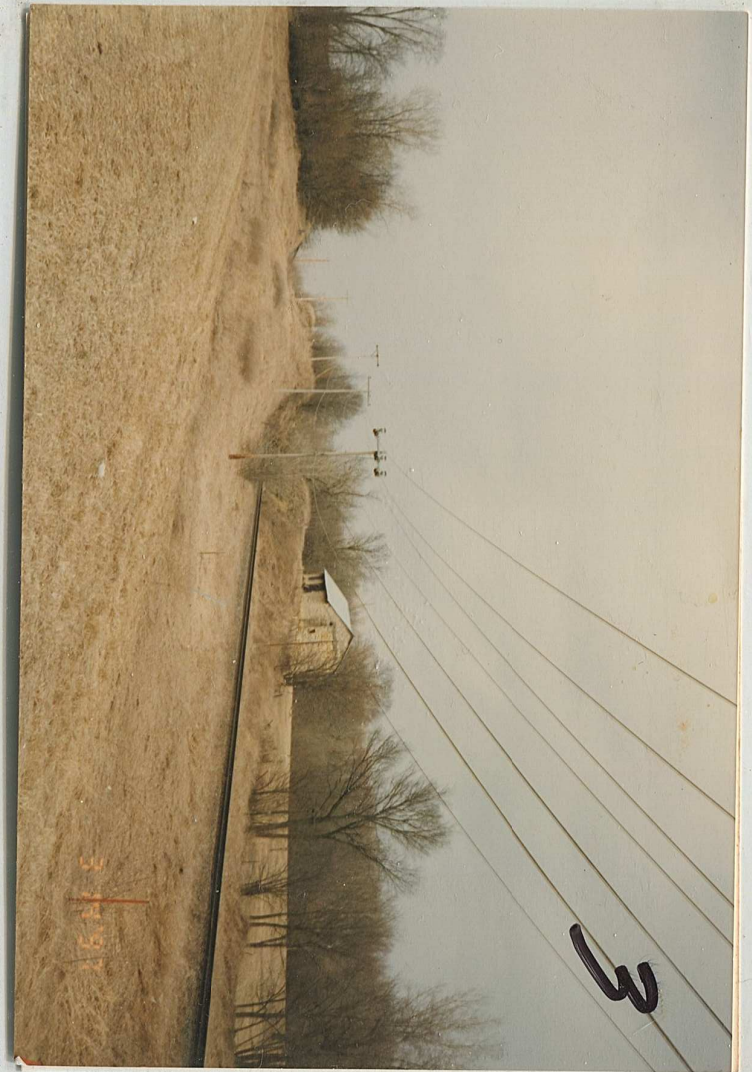
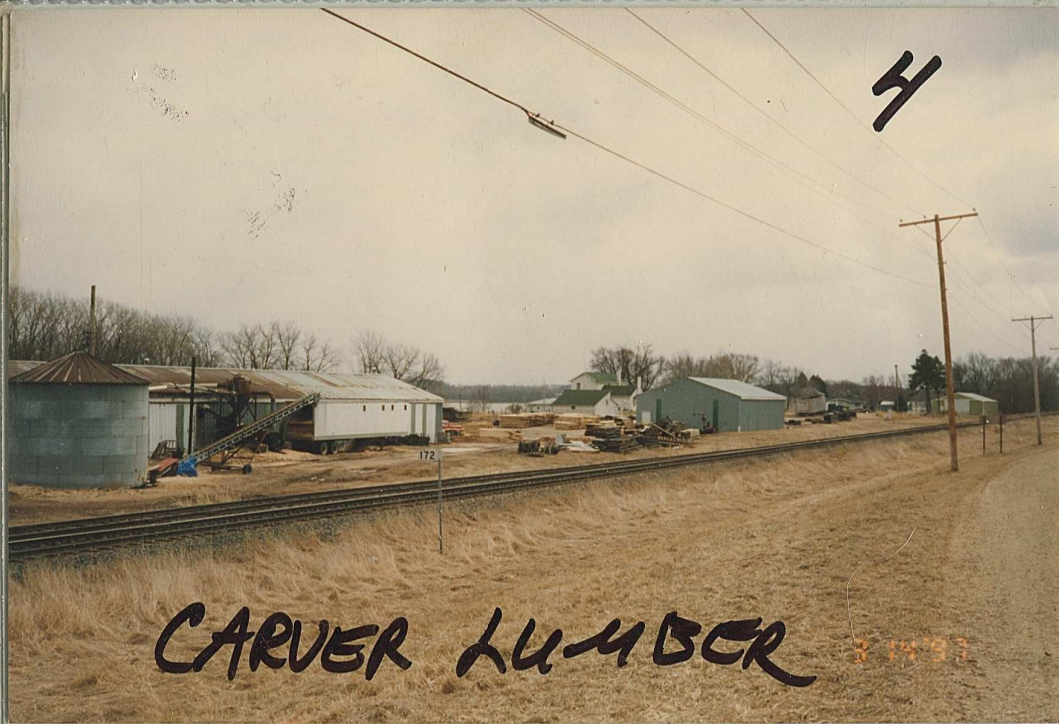


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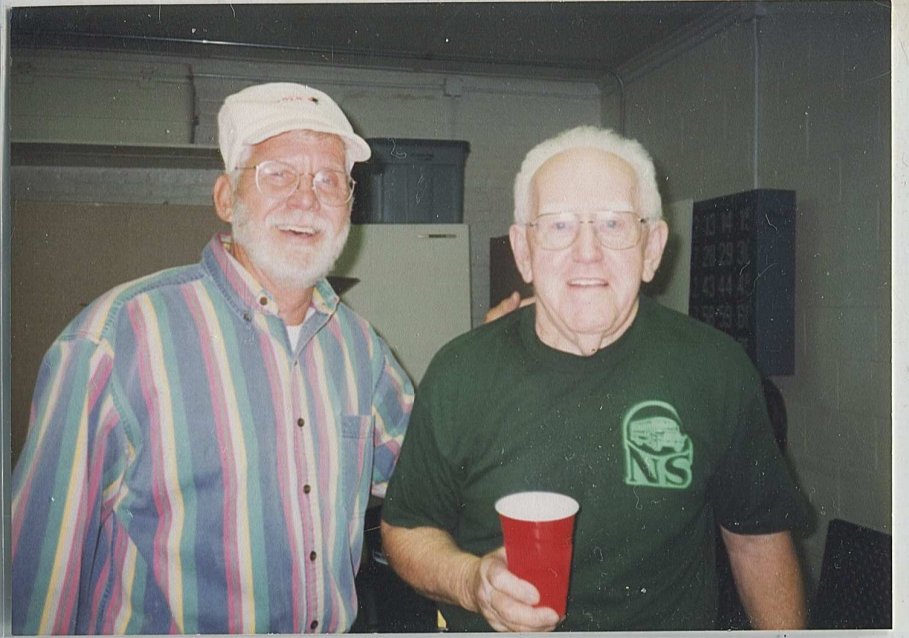
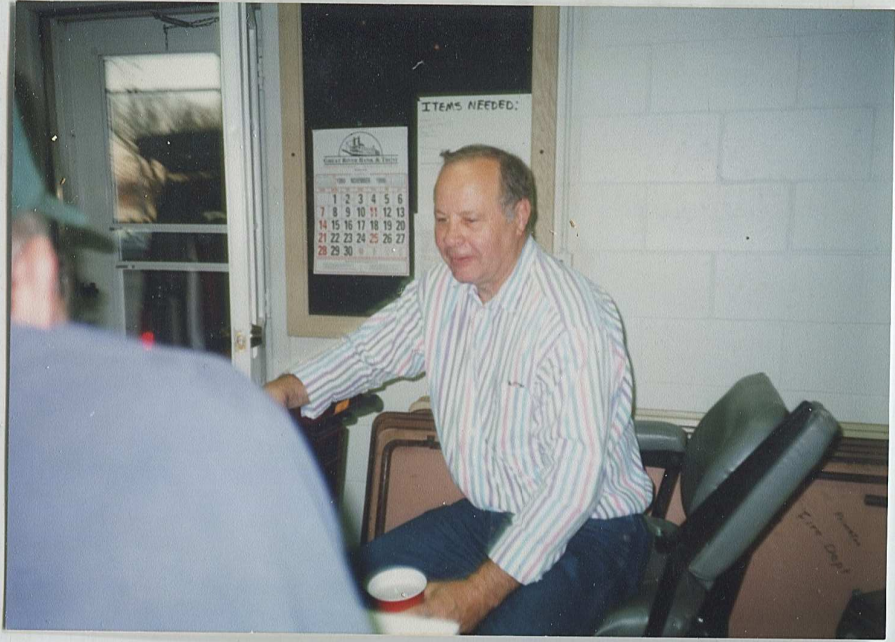














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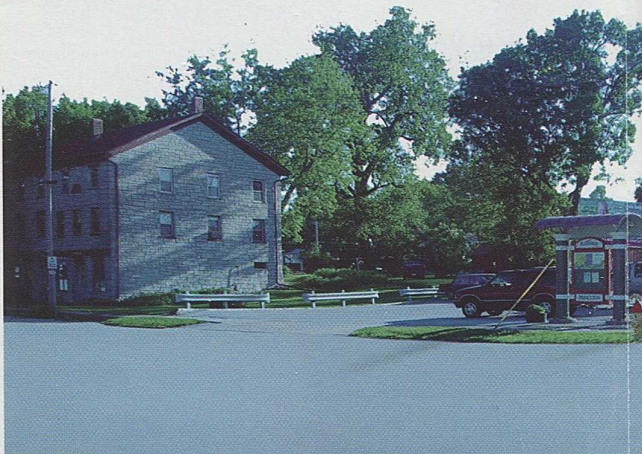




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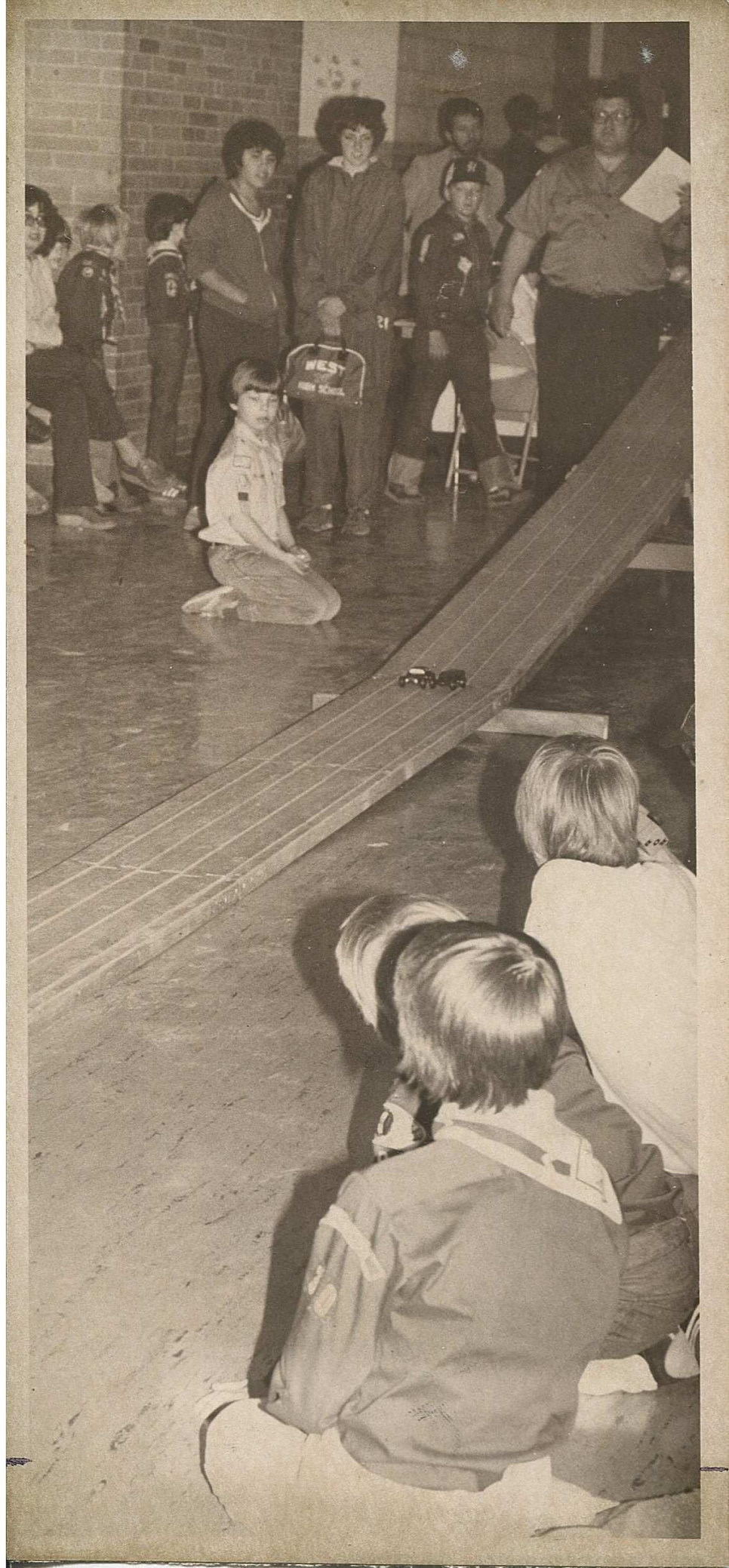


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# Princeton, county officials talk rec trail

## ■ City council also welcomes new city clerk to meeting

By Sarah Hayden  
NSP Staff Writer

Princeton city officials received a courtesy visit from the Scott County Board of Supervisors during the July 9 council meeting.

All supervisors were present with the exception of Brinson Kinzer.

After board chairman Tom Sunderbruch gave an overview of the county's partnerships with cities, council member Brian Carter asked how the county could assist Princeton with construction of the recreation trail.

"Since all the towns are working on them, what stake is the county going to take on themselves to see that these cities are connected?" Carter asked.

"We are part of the Quad City Be Healthy initiative, and bike paths are a part of that," Sunderbruch replied. "We signed on to that."

County administrator Dee Bruemmer was also present for the meeting.

"We have a funding policy for bike paths," Bruemmer said. "When the connection happens between city and the county, there is a percentage depending on what grant funds the county will contribute."

"Every year (the county) puts \$50,000 in their capital program. Sometimes it takes more, but some years there are no requests. We work with them and then figure out what our funding formula is. There is a set policy, it's online and you can see it," she said.

"If you're at a point and you need us to be that middle connection, we'll talk."

Bruemmer said the county's policy states it will only provide funding for a path if it connects directly with a city's portion.

It is just over 5.5 miles between Princeton and LeClaire.

"We let the city do the construction and we do the reimbursement. We would not be in the decision making of how you would like to construct it," she added.

"If we're going to try and get the bike path up this way, what would happen is the two cities would talk to each other, then we'd talk to

you and then we would be the ones to go out for bids?" asked council member Ann Geiger.

"You would also apply for state grants," Bruemmer noted.

"So, you would partner us in a grant application?" Geiger said.

"Yes, absolutely," Bruemmer replied. "When the time is right and we have the funding source to do it, we'll work together."

Bruemmer again emphasized that the city would have to construct a bike path first before the county will assist with their portion.

### Introduction of new city clerk

Also on Thursday, council members welcomed new city clerk Katie Tolley to her first official meeting. She started July 6.

Tolley takes over for AJ Grunder, who resigned May 28 after six years with the city.

Council members noted she will attend two days of clerk's classes this week and again at the end of the month.

Tolley worked previously as a bank teller for Vibrant Credit Union in Milan. Prior to that, she worked for Medical Arts Associates in Moline for nine years in the accounts receivable department.

She graduated with a bachelor's degree in general studies from Western Illinois University and is working to complete a minor in management.

"I'm really excited for this opportunity, and I can't wait to see what the future holds," she said.

Tolley said the position of city clerk will be a new experience for her.

She is a resident of Colona, Ill.

### Employee evaluations and pay raises

Council members approved a resolution setting a timeline for city employee evaluations and pay raises.

Council member Kevin Kernan was absent.

After much discussion, the resolution was amended to begin the process of personnel reviews in November in time for budget discussions. Possible pay raises would begin at the start of the new fiscal year in July.

Initially, Geiger argued against granting employee pay raises, saying she was concerned about the budget.

"I think we talked about this during budget

(talks). We had discussed there would be a review in six months, but we agreed that everybody was going to be status quo and just the cost of living would go up this year because of budget constraints," Geiger said.

Council member Carter said employees were not the ones who brought it up. He thought it was necessary to set a timeline for the process and as a sign of respect for city employees.

"I think (the resolution) will be a place holder so when it comes up, it won't be forgotten every year as far as honoring these people for the hard work they do," he said.

"I recall that's the way the conversation went," Geiger replied. "With the exception of the police chief (Brian Carsten) — and that was part of his hiring agreement. I don't know if I misremember that or not. But as I recall, I'm not knocking them particularly, I'm just thinking of finances."

Council member Liz Bosworth suggested doing evaluations in January to allow time for inclusion in the following year's budget.

"I like the idea of establishing a time for doing the evaluations. I wonder if we should look at the timing of it, though, so the evaluations are done when we are budgeting? Then that could be figured into the budget starting in July with the new fiscal year," she said.

"It makes more sense. The budget is certified in March," added Chief Carsten.

Geiger agreed, but noted personnel reviews should be in November before budget discussions begin in December.

### Other business

Also on Thursday, council members:

- Approved the resignation of Tim Ruser as chairman of the planning and zoning board. Ruser has accepted a position as the city's new building inspector.



Katie Tolley  
— New Princeton City Clerk —

- Approved the reinstatement of Judy Herman to the planning and zoning board temporarily until two vacant positions can be filled.
- Announced Christmas in July will be held at the community center July 22 at 7:30 p.m. There will be snacks and games for children.
- Approved a resolution setting hours for the public to deposit yard waste in Woomert Park on Wednesdays from 9 to 11:00 a.m., and 1 to 3:00 p.m., and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon.



# Princeton hires new city clerk and building inspector

## ■ Council takes action at special Monday night meeting

By Sarah Hayden  
NSP Staff Writer

Princeton city council members approved a new city clerk and building inspector during a special meeting Monday night.

Katie Tolley will begin her role as city clerk July 6 at a pay rate of \$16 an hour. She was selected from among 12 applicants, and competed against four other candidates chosen for interviews.

Princeton resident Tim Ruser, who has been chairman of the planning and zoning board for five years, is the new city building inspector. Details of his compensation and hiring agreement were not openly discussed.

AJ Grunder, who was city clerk for six years, resigned during a special meeting May 28, citing personnel issues with council member Ann Geiger.

Grunder openly accused Geiger of bullying

her and "creating a hostile work environment." Geiger refused to comment on the matter after Grunder read a scathing resignation statement out loud during the meeting.

Council member Karen Woomert, who was clerk for several years prior to Grunder, announced during Monday's meeting that she applied for the position.

Woomert abstained from voting to approve Tolley. Council member Kevin Kernan was absent.

"I guess I have to abstain," Woomert said.

"Yes," replied Mayor Keith Youngers.

"Can I state why?" Woomert asked.

"Sure, you're supposed to," Mayor Youngers said.

"My application was to be held in confidentiality and it was not. Therefore, a resident received it and it's going all over town. I'm not happy about it," she said.

Woomert did not name the resident who allegedly circulated her application "all over town" or offer further details.

### Clerk's training plan

Also on Monday, council members dis-

cussed a training plan for Tolley when she begins as clerk next week.

Woomert said she received a quote from Data Tech for \$600, which covers eight hours of training.

"I have gone through the manuals and anybody with an accounting background who is literate can almost walk through those books. Don't you agree?" Woomert asked.

Woomert noted that deputy clerk Patty Morgan has been taking on more responsibility since Grunder's resignation.

Geiger suggested Tolley can attend clerk's school in July, stating classes were already approved in the budget.

She also suggested researching classes offered by the Iowa League of Cities for \$150 to \$175. Classes would be taught in Cedar Rapids, Geiger said.

During the May 28 special meeting, council members rejected a four-page, comprehensive training and transition plan offered by Grunder, who said she would train her replacement full time, but at a rate of \$23 an hour — an increase from her regular pay of \$18.51 an hour.

Mayor Youngers encouraged approval of

the transition proposal, stating no one was more qualified than Grunder to train the new clerk, and noted Princeton had just received its best audit in years due to Grunder's hard work. When the training proposal was voted down, Mayor Youngers expressed his disappointment.

### Building inspector

Ruser said he is looking forward to serving as the city's new building inspector.

He said one of his first goals will be to obtain his International Residential Code and electrical certifications.

Ruser said meanwhile, state representatives can assist with electrical inspections when permits were needed.

Former building inspector Linda Rivers served less than two months as the city's part-time building inspector. Council members approved her for hire during the April 9 regular meeting at a wage of \$25 an hour with a one-hour minimum.

She will continue in her other positions as part-time building inspector of Walcott and as the electrical inspector for Eldridge.



# HOME & GARDEN

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## ARE YOU UP FOR A CHALLENGE?

Container gardeners are invited to enter their creations in the Container Garden Challenge at the Rock Island County Fair.

Simply drop off your entry/entries between noon and 7 p.m. Monday or Tuesday, July 13-14, at the Container Garden Showcase (next to the Dave Copeland Center) at the Rock Island County Fairgrounds, 42nd Avenue and Archer Drive, East Moline.

There is no fee or residency restriction. (That is, you can be from Iowa!)

Competition classes for adults and youth are: large container (5 gallons and up), medium container (2 to less than 5 gallons), small container (less than 2 gallons), unique, vegetable.

Winners will be announced at noon July 16. First-place adult winners will receive an individual membership to the Quad-City Botanical Center, Rock Island. Youth winners will receive center passes. Entries can be picked up before 2 p.m. Saturday, July 18.

For more information, call the University of Illinois Extension at 309-756-9978 or go online to [web.extension.illinois.edu/hmrs](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/hmrs).

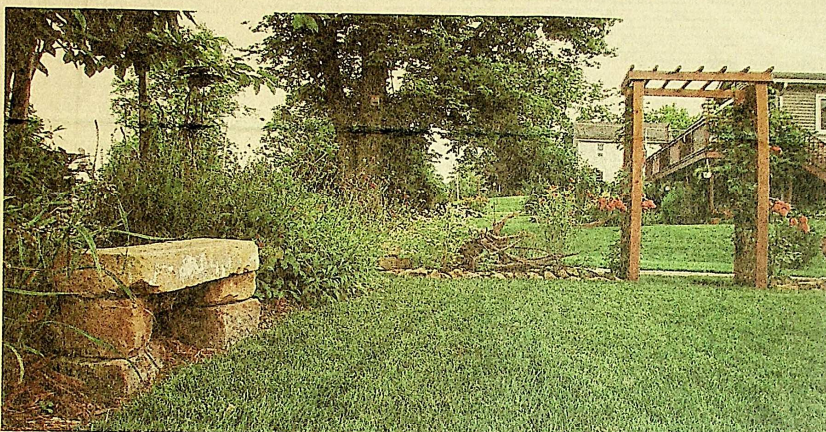
## BLACK STAINLESS IS LATEST IN BATH FAUCETS

Black steel bath fittings have been introduced by the high-end Italian company MGS, a manufacturer of fittings for the kitchen and bathroom.

Through a process used to finish fine jewelry as well as in applications for the military and aerospace industries, the color penetrates the metal by molecular bonding, resulting in a smooth, durable black matte finish.

Black finishes have gained popularity in architectural design, as well as automotive and electronics, and the evolution into the home was inevitable, the company says in a news release.

Products are available through dealers. For more information, go to [mgstaps.com](http://mgstaps.com).



Kevin E. Schmidt photos, QUAD-CITY TIMES

A bench made from salvaged stones is part of the Pillard/McMeen garden. The horizontal piece was the sill of a doorway.

## 'Our own little park'

Alma Gaul  
[agaul@qctimes.com](mailto:agaul@qctimes.com)

When Allan Pillard gives you directions to his Princeton, Iowa, garden, finishing with "you can't miss it," you can believe him.

The large corner lot has a lot going on, with arbors, numerous planting beds crowded with color, and various bits of stonework, statuary and driftwood.

The garden created by Pillard and Dawn McMeen is one of eight you can tour July 11 on a walk to raise money for the Princeton Community Center.

The couple bought their home from McMeen's father about eight years ago, and then they bought the dilapidated house next to it four years ago, taking it down stick by stick and converting the space into gardens.

One of the reasons their yard offers so much to see is that it's bigger than most, encompassing two lots.

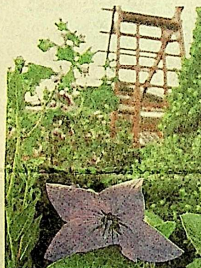
In addition to creating beautiful spaces, the couple aims to provide food and shelter for birds and pollinators, such as bees and butterflies. A stand of moon flowers — so called because the large white flowers open at night — attracts the sphinx moth that is sometimes mistaken for a hummingbird, for example.

And they try to plant a variety of materials because "they (birds and pollinators) all have their own food," Pillard explains. "Each has their niche."

In purchasing plants this spring, he passed up those that were raised with neonicotinoids, a class of pesticides that has been linked to the demise of honeybee populations.

"I didn't buy 'em," he said of the plants. "They (people studying pollinator decline) don't know" the full effects of the pesticide, he said.

In clearing out the "jungle"



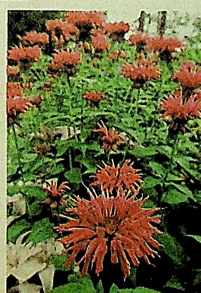
A purple/blue clematis blooms in the Pillard/McMeen yard.



Mexican sunflowers are an annual that self-seeds, coming back the following year in a different place and often with mutations in the petal appearance.



Bright yellow black-eyed Susans are among the plants blooming in the Pillard/McMeen garden.



Bright red monarda blooms stand out in a planting in the Pillard/McMeen garden. The plant is also called bee balm for its propensity to attract bees.

### IF YOU GO

**What:** Tour of eight home gardens in Princeton, Iowa

**When:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 11, as a benefit for the Princeton Community Center

**How much:** \$5

**Where:** Check in at the community center, 428 S. River Drive, to get your ticket with a map to the gardens and a bottle of cold water. You're also invited to return to the center for refreshments and to vote for your favorite garden. Representatives from the Iowa State University Extension Office/Scott County will be available to answer garden questions and concerns.



### ABOUT THE HOMEOWNERS

Pillard is a retired carpenter, and McMeen is the head librarian at the public library in Princeton.

has kept a few Asian honey-suckle shrubs. Despite their invasiveness, the branches grow close together, giving birds a place to nest and



Alma Gaul  
HOMEFRONT

## Why, it's a red-breasted grosbeak!

Tami Schmidt of Milan sent me some photos of her bird feeders and I honed right in on a bird I didn't recognize.

She explained that the striking black-and-white bird with a red triangle on its chest is a male red-breasted grosbeak and that it is the most-asked-about bird at Wild Birds Unlimited in Davenport.

Denise Finch (yes, Finch), an employee of Wild Birds, confirmed that, indeed, in terms of identification, the store gets more calls about this bird than any other. That's mostly among people new to feeding birds, though, because once you know the identity, it's hard to forget. And that's likely the reason for the numerous inquiries: It is so striking. Who calls about little brown birds?

The red-breasted grosbeak is a migrator, so people in the Quad-City region see it mainly in late April to May, Finch said.

It is attracted to sunflower seeds and hearts, and its call is like a "sneaker skidding on a gym floor," she said, reading from her bird book.

But notice that the striking bird is the male. The female, alas, looks like a totally different bird, like an overgrown sparrow.

**ANOTHER QUESTION:** While the red-breasted grosbeak prompts a lot of identification calls at the store, the biggest number of calls overall are: "When are the hummingbirds coming?" and "When can I expect the Baltimore orioles?" Finch said.

**QUEEN OF THE PRAIRIE:** It's been a good year for the wildflower called Queen of the Prairie. Fritz Fuhs of Davenport sent in the accompanying photo of the plant in his yard, and last Sunday I noticed several in the prairie yard of Marilyn Leonard, who lives on Bettendorf's Wells Ferry Road.

— GROSBEAK | D2



NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY  
Once you know what it is, it's hard to forget the male red-breasted grosbeak.

— GARDEN | D3



# GARDEN

From D1

with yellow flowers.

"If a plant ends up in the right spot, I usually leave it," Pillard said of the "volunteers."

■ **Wood work.** All around the property you'll find wood features such as arbors that Pillard built himself, all stained reddish-brown with a product called Cabot Australian timber oil. The common color creates a visual tie throughout the space.

Don't miss the "screen" he built between their property and the neighbor's. Rather than a solid fence, he erected four stained panels of latticework alternating with six arborvitae trees.

■ **About those arborvitae.** The secret to keeping them alive is to keep them watered, especially going into winter. "They have very shallow roots," Pillard said. "If the roots go into winter dry, they will die."

■ **Food production.** In addition to ornamental plants, the couple has a large strawberry patch — "We like the freezer jelly," Pillard said — plus blueberries, raspberries, a vegetable patch and fruit trees.

■ **Stone work.** The home the couple took down had a rubblestone foundation on one side, and they saved all of that rock to create ledges and walls here and there.

■ **Colorful flowers.** Oh, yes, there are plenty. The palette includes bee balm (Monarda), Rudbeckia, Mexican sunflower (an annual that self-seeds and comes up in interesting places, sometimes with interesting mutations), lots of spiderwort, lamb's ear, roses, coreopsis, delphiniums, feverfew, hibiscus and salvia.

"We try to set it up so there's something blooming all season," Pillard said. "In the spring, we have tulips and daffodils. We have to put mesh over the tulips to fight the squirrels. They come up right behind you when you're planting and dig up what you just planted."

They're not much into annual plants. "That's an investment you don't get to enjoy again,"



Kevin E. Schmidt photos, QUAD-CITY TIMES

Allan Pillard created a visual screen between his property and the neighbor to the north by alternating latticework panels with arborvitae trees. The latticework is stained the same color as all of the other wood features in the garden to help "connect the dots" into a visual whole.



Unique features of the deck include the fact that it surrounds parts of three sides of the house and that the spindles are set on the diagonal.

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Allan Pillard

Pillard said.

■ **Shade garden.** Despite Pillard's clearing work, the yard still has plenty of shade in back, providing a place for hostas, ferns and astilbe.

He's also planted

tiger-eye sumac, a shrub with chartreuse leaves that "make it look like the sun is shining in this spot when it really isn't," he said.

The couple has concentrated their efforts

on the parts of the yard that are closest to the street and then worked their way back.

In so doing, they've created "a lot of little places where you can sit and hide," Pillard said.



This arbor with climbing red roses is among numerous wood structures that Allan Pillard has built on the property.

"It's our own little park, our outdoor living room. We sit here, pull some

weeds, listen to the birds, think what plants we'd like to plant."



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Dorothy Kincaid



Early photo



## Dorothy Kincaid

Dorothy M. Kincaid, 90, of Davenport, died Tuesday, June 30, 2015, at Genesis East Rusholme St., Davenport. Memorial services in celebration of her life were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 7, at Weerts Funeral Home, Kimberly at Jersey Ridge Road, Davenport. Visitation was held from 4-7 p.m. Monday, July 6, at the funeral home. Private interment took place in the National Cemetery, Rock Island, prior to the memorial service on Tuesday. Memorials may be made to Community of Christ Church or the North Scott School District.

Mrs. Kincaid was born in 1925 in rural Scott County, to James and Amelia Hirl. She married Robert "Bob" Kincaid Feb. 19, 1945, in Davenport. They had celebrated their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary by the time of his death June 1, 2007. She worked as an elementary school secretary for Virgil Grissom Elementary School in the North Scott School District, retiring in 1978.

Dorothy (Dode) had a giving heart, a trait she learned from her mother. A person in need could always find a helping hand. Known for her singing, Dorothy had her own radio program while still in high school. She met her husband Bob while working in the tool room at the Rock Island Arsenal during World War II. After the war, they moved to Detroit, Mich., and returned to Iowa in 1960. As an active member in "Community of Christ" church,

Cub Scouts, and school activities, she was often to go-to person to organize special services and events. Her life focused on her children. As well as being a devoted mother, she sold and delivered Avon out of a 1947 Dodge. In the mid 60s, Dorothy's helping hands guided hundreds of children as the school secretary of a brand new elementary school in Princeton. Retiring in Florida in the late 70s, Dorothy and Bob became tour guides for family and friends. Their home was always open and they loved showing off their new state with its many attractions. In the mid 90s, Dorothy became Bob's major caregiver after he suffered a stroke. In 2006, they returned to Iowa to be closer to family. After his death one year later, she moved to Senior Star in Davenport, where she was well cared for. All her life, Dorothy was focused on the needs of others. She lived her life by the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Survivors include daughter Doris (Tom) Erps of Bettendorf; son Don (Debbie) Kincaid of Bettendorf; grandchildren, Brent Erps of Longmont, Colo., Tina (Mike) McGee of Atlanta, Ga., and Connor Kincaid of Bettendorf; and a great-granddaughter, Ava McGee.

Online remembrances and condolences may be expressed to the Kincaid family by visiting Dorothy's obituary at [www.WeertsFH.com](http://www.WeertsFH.com).

Custom obituary

# Y NEWS

## Suiters celebrate 60 years of marriage

John and Janice Suiter of Princeton are celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

The former Janice McCollam and John Suiter were married July 22, 1955, at Princeton Presbyterian Church, with Rev. Randall of Morrison, Ill., officiating.

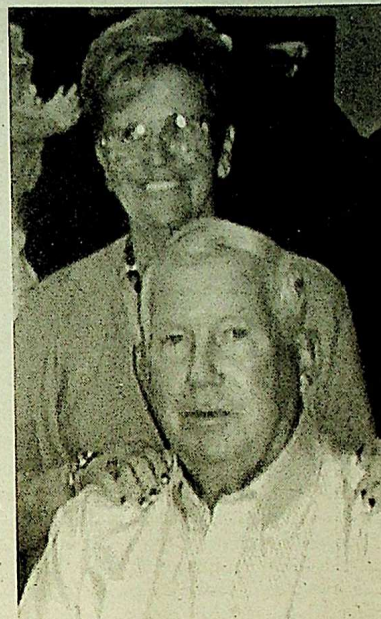
John retired from Alcoa after 38 years as a foil mill supervisor. He was also a Princeton volunteer fireman for 24 years.

Janice retired after 22 years as a postal clerk in Princeton and Bettendorf. She was also employed by the North Scott School District for 17 years as a bus driver for Virgil Grissom Elementary.

For several years, John coached Princeton Little League and Pee Wee baseball teams. He is a proud Eagle Scout. Janice has been a member of the Echo Rebekah Lodge 104 for over 40 years. She was a Girl Scout and later became a scout leader for the Princeton Girl Scouts and Brownies.

They have four children: Jeffrey (Carol) Suiter of Princeton, John (Keri) Suiter of Long Grove, Jolene (Jeffrey) Chestnut of Bettendorf, and Jason (Nancy) Suiter of Eldridge.

They have 10 grandchildren; Meghan (Dave) Jones, Mike Miller, Jake (Laura) Miller, Ben (Nicole) Chestnut, Kendra Suiter, Brittany



(Kevin) Randall, Colin Suiter, Austin Suiter, Samantha (Brandon) Dobbs, and Dana Suiter. They have seven great-grandchildren.

# PUBLIC NOTICES

## Princeton City Council

Regular Session

Thursday, July 9, 2015

The City Council of the City of Princeton, Iowa met in regular session on Thursday, July 9, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Princeton City Hall. Mayor Youngers presided with roll being called, the following members were present: Carter, Bosworth, Woomert, Geiger. Kernan was absent.

Mayor Youngers asked if Council approves Consent Agenda. Motion to approve consent agenda by Woomert, seconded by Bosworth. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

Mayor Youngers introduced The Scott County Board of Supervisors and they gave a brief presentation of current and upcoming projects for Scott County.

New Business:

Carter made a motion to accept the resignation of Tim Ruser from Planning and Zoning and was seconded by Bosworth. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

Carter made a motion to accept the re-appointment of Herman to the Planning and Zoning Committee until a replacement can be found and was seconded by Geiger. Roll call: All Ayes. MC

Carter made a motion to approve R/H Joint Addition as complete in accordance with the approved project documents and was seconded by Geiger. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

Geiger made a motion to approve the yearly contract with the Scott County Humane Society and was seconded by Woomert. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

The Council discussed pay raises for public works and no action was taken.

Resolutions:

Council member Geiger made a motion to approve

RESOLUTION 2015-10, AUTHORIZING THE SIGNATURE OF KATIE TOLLEY ON ANY AND ALL BANK DOCUMENTS and was seconded by Bosworth. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

Council member Woomert made a motion to amend RESOLUTION 2015-11 TO MAKE NOVEMBER THE MONTH OF PERSONNEL REVIEWS WITH A RAISE CONSIDERATION IN JULY and was seconded by Bosworth. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

Council member Carter made a motion to approve amended RESOLUTION 2015-09, SETTING SALARIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 and was seconded by Bosworth. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

Council member Carter made a motion to approve RESOLUTION 2015-13 ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE FOR DUMPING YARD WASTE AT WOOMERT PARK and seconded by Woomert. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

New Schedule will be every Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. and every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Ordinances:  
Carter moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 330, AMENDING THE CITY OF PRINCETON CODE OF ORDINANCES IN RESPECT TO ESTABLISHING A SIDEWALK AND RECREATIONAL TRAIL BOARD and was seconded by Bosworth. Roll Call: All Ayes. MC

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Carter and seconded by Bosworth. 6:54 p.m.

Approved:  
Keith Youngers, Mayor

Attest:  
Katie Tolley, City Clerk/Treasurer

## Princeton City Council

Special Session

June 29, 2015

The Princeton City Council held a Special Session on Monday, June 29, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Princeton City Hall. Mayor Youngers presided. Roll Call: Present: Carter, Bosworth, Woomert, Geiger. Absent: Kernan.

Council Member Carter made a motion to hire Katie Tolley as Princeton City Clerk at \$16.00 per hour. Council Member Geiger seconded the motion. Roll Call: All ayes: Carter, Bosworth, Geiger. Abstain: Woomert.

Council Member Carter made a motion to hire Tim Ruser as Princeton Building Inspector at \$15.00 per hour. Council Member Geiger seconded the motion. All ayes: Carter, Bosworth, Woomert, Geiger.

Council discussed different training strategies for the incoming Clerk.

With nothing more to discuss, a motion was made by Woomert to adjourn and seconded by Bosworth at 7:12 p.m.

Approved:

Keith Youngers, Mayor

Attest:  
Patty Morgan, Deputy City Clerk



# Princeton gets set to hire new city clerk

■ Special meeting in the works; DNR also issues reprimand

By Sarah Hayden  
NSP Staff Writer

Princeton is moving forward with hiring a new city clerk, going into closed session after the June 18 council meeting to interview four candidates. Another candidate was interviewed the day prior.

Mayor Keith Youngers said 12 applied for the position, with council members making a hiring decision that night. He said an offer has been extended, but declined to name anyone.

Mayor Youngers said council members expect to approve the new clerk and building inspector at a special meeting within the next two weeks.

Building inspector Linda Rivers resigned June 12 after two months on the job.

Former clerk AJ Grunder resigned suddenly after openly accusing council member Ann Geiger of bullying her and "creating a hostile work environment." Geiger refused to comment on the matter after Grunder read a scathing resignation statement out loud during a special meeting May 28.

Grunder was clerk for six years, surviving an attempt to have her terminated when a handful of residents circulated a petition in February 2014.

Mayor Youngers noted Princeton received its best audit in years during the May 28 meeting, crediting Grunder's hard work as a result.

## DNR warns city

Also on Thursday, council members discussed a letter of reprimand received by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources June 1, citing the city for several violations of illegal dumping and burning along the west side of Woomert Park.

Ryan Stouder, an environmental specialist with the DNR, wrote that he conducted a water

supply inspection Feb. 23, and observed trees and tree trimmings in the open-burn area.

The Iowa Code restricts burning to grass clippings and minimal yard waste.

Stouder said he conducted a follow-up inspection April 30, and discovered an open-dump site containing appliances, wooden

pallets and other waste materials.

Council member Karen Woomert said, "(DNR) found paint cans, furniture, dishwashers, TVs – you name it – it's up there."

"I have followed people from LeClaire dumping

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## Eldridge council agrees to serve up pickleball

■ City awards contract for \$159,711 project

By Alan Dale  
NSP Assistant Editor

Pickleball is about to become a cemented reality in Eldridge, even if it comes at a bit of a cost.

At Monday night's special meeting, the Eldridge City Council awarded a \$153,288

contract to General Asphalt Construction Company of Davenport for the Sheridan Meadows Pickleball Court project.

On a 4-1 vote, with councilmember Frank King voting in the minority, the council agreed to use

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4A The North Scott Press (Eldridge, Iowa) Wednesday, June 24, 2015

# Princeton: Illegal dumping is a problem

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up there. We had no other choice other than to shut the facility down unless they're willing to pay some hefty fines. We had a lot of complaints that city council screwed up and we haven't protected our residents," she said.

Woomert noted the letter from Stouder advised the city to fence in the dump area, as well as restrict and supervise access.

Stouder listed several requirements needed to bring the site back into compliance with state code.

He recommended the burn site be moved so it complies with the mandatory quarter mile separation from residences, and post a permanent sign at the entrance stating what materials are accepted during specific hours.

Solid waste disposal must cease immediately and recycling is encouraged. Disposal of solid waste by burning or burying it is against DNR rules, Stouder warned.

He further stated that if Princeton is found in violation again, the matter may result in legal action.

Mayor Youngers said Jerry Brink, Marv McRoberts and Steve Billups have offered to monitor the dump site when residents need to drop off yard waste.

Woomert said she has observed Asplundh Tree Service dumping waste at the park.

"I caught them. I parked my car right behind their truck and they couldn't move. We need to designate a day for when these three gentlemen want to monitor it," she said.

"Instead of hauling it to Buffalo or Clinton and having to pay for it, they just dump it up there," she added. "If we get the people living within the quarter mile and get them to sign the waiver, we can burn."

Geiger suggested forming a dump committee to address the issue, adding that only Princeton residents should be allowed to dump.

Planning and zoning chairman Tim Ruser said when the area is eventually fenced in, public works employees can keep the keys and monitor what type of waste is brought in.

"If you call (public works) and ask them to unlock the gate and let you dump grass clippings, they are going to see what you've got and it will be monitored right then and there," Ruser said.

## Feral cats

Geiger asked Police Chief Brian Carsten for an update regarding complaints of feral cats running loose in town.

Chief Carsten said only two cats were caught in recent weeks, but owners of both cats claimed them, proving them not to be feral.

"I took one last month to the pound, but it was claimed. And another was claimed right

away before Animal Control could come out," he said.

## Other business

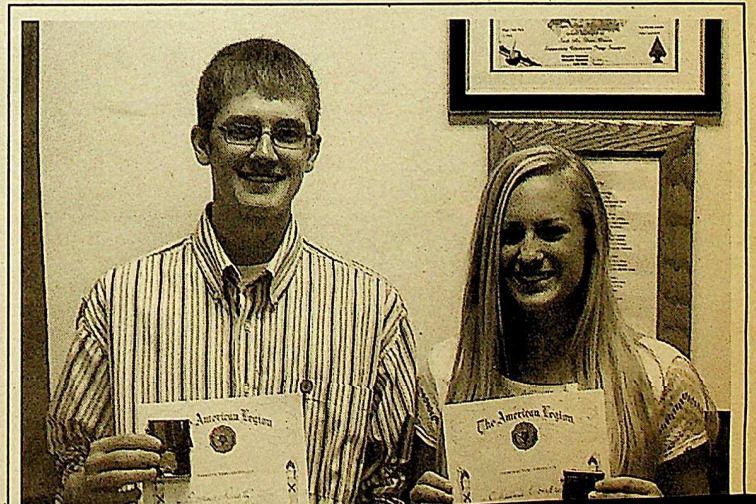
• Council members voted to table a discussion on allowing outside management of the community center.

• Council members approved the reappointments of John Gickler and Norm Nielsen to

the economic development board.

• Community center committee chairperson Pam Opolka announced the annual garden walk is scheduled for July 11.

• Sidewalk committee member John Cunard updated council members on sidewalk construction progress, saying Lost Grove Road is nearly complete. The next phase of sidewalk installation will be West Third Street.





# PUBLIC NOTICES

## City of Princeton

ORDINANCE NO. 329

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF PRINCETON  
ORDINANCE WITH RESPECT TO SEWER RATES  
BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of  
Princeton, Iowa:

99.02 RATES FOR SERVICE. Effective no earlier than  
July 1, 2015, the monthly charge for sanitary sewer service,  
to each occupancy unit for commercial and residential,  
supplied by the municipal sanitary sewer system shall be  
in accordance with the following:

1. First 2,000 gallons or less per month per meter -  
\$10.75

2. All gallons in excess of 2,000 gallons per month -  
\$3.95 per any portion of 1,000 gallons.

3. There shall be an \$11.00 per month per meter charge  
to each occupancy unit served by the meter for Capital  
Improvement Cost.

4. For the purpose hereof, the term "occupancy unit"  
means any of the following, whether occupied or vacant:

A. A separate apartment in a multi-family building of  
three or more Apartments.

B. A mobile home, whether mounted or dismounted,  
and whether or not permanently affixed to the ground. (Ord.  
277 - Dec 11 Supp.)

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of  
this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional,  
such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance  
as a whole or any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or  
phrase hereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

This ordinance shall become effective upon publication  
as required by law.

Approved by the City Council of Princeton, Iowa this  
18th day of June, 2015.

Signed by the Mayor of Princeton, Iowa this 18th day of  
June, 2015.

Keith Youngers, Mayor

Attest:  
Patty Morgan, Deputy City Clerk

1st reading: May 14, 2015

2nd reading: June 18, 2015

3rd reading: June 18, 2015

Adoption: June 18, 2015

Publication: 6/24/2015

## City of Princeton

ORDINANCE NO. 327

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON, IOWA, BY  
ADDING PROVISIONS TO STORM WATER DRAINAGE  
SYSTEM DISTRICT UTILITY

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of  
Princeton, Iowa:

SECTION 1. NEW CHAPTER. The Code of Ordinances  
of the City of Princeton, Iowa, is amended by adding a new  
Chapter 100, entitled STORM WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM  
DISTRICT UTILITY, which is hereby adopted, effective July  
1, 2015 to read as follows:

### CHAPTER 100 STORM WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM DISTRICT UTILITY

100.01 Purpose  
100.02 Definitions  
100.03 Storm Water Drainage System Utility Established

100.04 Rates  
100.05 Payment of Bills  
100.06 Lien for Nonpayment  
100.07 City Council  
100.08 Prohibited Acts  
100.09 Right of Entry  
100.10 Penalties

100.01 PURPOSE. The purpose of this chapter is to  
establish a Storm Water Drainage System District Utility and  
provide a means of funding the construction, operation and  
maintenance of storm water management facilities includ-  
ing, but not limited to, detention and retention basins, storm  
water sewers, inlets, ditches and drains, and cleaning of  
streets. The Council finds that the construction, operation  
and maintenance of the City's storm and surface water  
drainage system should be funded through charging users  
of property which may connect or discharge directly, or  
indirectly, into the storm and surface water drainage system.

100.02 DEFINITIONS. For use in this chapter, unless  
the context specifically indicates otherwise, the following  
terms are defined:

1. "Connection" means the physical act or process of  
tapping a public storm water sewer or drainage line, or joining  
onto an existing side sewer, for the purpose of connecting  
private impervious surface or other storm and surface  
water sources or systems to the public storm and surface  
water system. It also includes creation or maintenance of  
impervious surface that causes or is likely to cause an  
increase in the quantity or decrease in quality or both from  
the natural state of storm water runoff, and which drains,  
directly or indirectly, to the storm and surface water system.

2. "Storm and surface water drainage system" means  
any combination of publicly owned storm and surface water  
quantity and quality facilities, pumping, or lift facilities, storm  
and secondary drain pipes and culverts, open channels,  
creeks and ditches, force mains, laterals, manholes, catch  
basins and inlets, including the grates and covers thereof,  
detention and retention facilities, laboratory facilities and  
equipment, and any other publicly owned facilities for the  
collection, conveyance, treatment and disposal of storm  
and surface water system within the City, to which sanitary  
sewage flows are not intentionally admitted.

3. "Unit" means each household, each place of com-  
merce/education/ government/religion, or each industry,  
whether in a single building on a single lot or in a multiple-  
unit building on a single lot or multiple lot complex. Each  
unit shall be charged individually, but where the complex  
is billed under one combined service account, the recipient  
of that bill shall be deemed the user and receive the total  
combined storm water drainage system district charge for  
that complex.

4. "User" means any person who uses any property  
located in city limits that maintains connection to, discharges  
to, or otherwise receives services from the City for storm  
water management. The occupant of occupied property is  
deemed the user. If the property is not occupied, the person  
who has the right to occupy it shall be deemed the user.

100.03 STORM WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM DISTRICT  
ESTABLISHED. Pursuant to the authority of Section 384.84(5)  
of the Code of Iowa, the entire City is hereby declared a  
Storm Water Drainage System District for the purpose of  
establishing, imposing, adjusting and providing for the col-  
lection of rates for the operation and maintenance of storm  
water management facilities. The entire City, as increased  
from time to time by annexation, shall constitute a single  
Storm Water Drainage System District. (Code of Iowa, Sec.

384.84(1))

100.04 RATES: Each user shall pay for storm and  
surface water drainage system service provided by the City.  
The rates for the operation and maintenance of the storm  
water management facilities shall be collected by impos-  
ing a monthly rate on each residential, commercial and  
industrial user within the City. The service charges shall be  
billed as part of a combined service account which means  
a customer service account for the provision of two or more  
utility services. The Council may adopt rules, charges, rates,  
and fees for the use of the City's storm and surface water  
system, and for services provided by the City relating to that  
system. Such rules may include delinquency and interest  
charges and penalties. Such charges and fees shall be just  
and equitable based upon the actual costs of operation,  
maintenance, acquisition, extension and replacement of  
the City's system, the costs of bond repayment, regulation,  
administration, and services of the City. The rates for the  
foregoing functions shall be collected by imposing a monthly  
rate of two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25) on every  
City residential unit, and every commercial unit. Property  
owned by the City is exempt from the requirements of this  
chapter.

100.05 PAYMENT OF BILLS. All Storm Water Drainage  
System District charges shall be due and payable under  
the same terms and conditions provided for payment of a  
combined service account as contained in Chapter 92 of this  
Code of Ordinances. All City services may be discontinued  
in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 92.04 if  
the combined service account becomes delinquent, and the  
provisions contained in Sections 92.05 and 92.06, relating  
to lien exemptions and lien notices shall also apply in the  
event of a delinquent account. (Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)

100.06 LIEN FOR NONPAYMENT. The owner of the  
premises served and any lessee or tenant thereof shall  
be jointly and severally liable for charges for the operation  
and maintenance of the storm water management facilities.  
Any such charges remaining unpaid and delinquent shall  
constitute a lien upon the premises served and shall be  
certified by the Clerk to the County Treasurer for collection  
in the same manner as property taxes. (Code of Iowa, Sec.  
384.84(4)(a)(1))

100.07 CITY COUNCIL. The City Council has the fol-  
lowing powers and duties related to the City of Princeton  
Storm Water Utility:

1. Operations and Maintenance. Operation and main-  
tenance of the storm water management systems and  
facilities.

2. Inspection and Tests. Conduct necessary inspections  
and tests to assure compliance with the provisions of this  
chapter.

3. Records. Maintain a complete and accurate record  
of all storm water management systems and facilities.

4. Policies. Recommend to the City Council policies  
to be adopted and enforced to implement the provisions of  
this chapter.

100.08 PROHIBITED ACTS. No person shall do, or  
allow, any of the following:

1. Damage Storm Water Management Systems and  
Facilities. Maliciously, willfully or negligently break, dam-  
age, destroy, uncover, deface or tamper with any structure,  
pipe, appurtenance or equipment which is part of the storm  
water management systems or facilities.

2. Illicit Discharges. No person shall throw, drain or  
otherwise discharge or cause to throw, drain, run or allow to  
seep or otherwise be discharged into the City of Princeton

storm water management system and facilities, including but  
not limited to pollutants or waters containing any pollutants,  
other than storm water.

3. Manholes. Open or enter any manhole, structure or  
intake of the storm water system, except by authority of the  
Utility Superintendent.

4. Connection. Connection of any private storm water  
system to the City's storm water management system and  
facilities, except by authority of the Utility Superintendent.

100.09 RIGHT OF ENTRY. The Public Work Foreman  
and other authorized employees of the City of Princeton bear-  
ing proper credentials and identification shall be permitted  
to enter all private properties for the purpose of inspection,  
observation, measurement, sampling and testing all private  
storm water discharges directly or indirectly entering into  
any public storm water management system or facility in  
accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

100.10 PENALTIES. The following penalty provisions  
shall apply to violations of the Storm Water Utility chapters  
(of this Code of Ordinances).

1. Notice of Violation. Any person found to be violating  
any provisions of these chapters shall be served by the  
City of Princeton with written notice stating the nature of  
the violation and providing a reasonable time limit for the  
satisfactory correction thereof. The offender shall, within the  
period of time stated in such notice, permanently remedy  
all violations.

2. Continuing Violations. Any person who shall continue  
any violation beyond the time limit provided for in subsection  
1 thereof, shall be subject to a civil penalty as set forth in  
the Schedule of Civil Penalties in Chapter 4 of this Code of  
Ordinances. Each day which said violation shall continue  
shall be deemed a separate offense.

3. Liability Imposed. Any person violating any of the  
provisions of this chapter shall become liable to the City  
for any expense, loss or damage occasioned the City by  
reason of such violation.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this  
ordinance are hereby repealed.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of  
this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional,  
such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance  
as a whole or any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or  
phrase hereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

This ordinance shall become effective upon publication  
as required by law.

Approved by the City Council of Princeton, Iowa this  
14th day of May, 2015.

Signed by the Mayor of Princeton, Iowa this 14th of  
May, 2015.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th of May, 2015.

By  
Keith Youngers, Mayor

ATTEST:  
AJ Grunder, City Clerk

Date of:  
1st Reading 3/12/2015  
2nd Reading 4/9/2015  
3rd Reading 5/14/2015  
Adoption 5/14/2015  
Publication 6/18/2015



# An Important Discovery

You know all about the discovery of America  
—of the great rivers and lakes.

It is just as important that you know about  
the discoveries and advancements that concern  
and effect you *individually*.

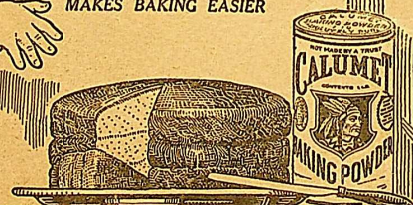
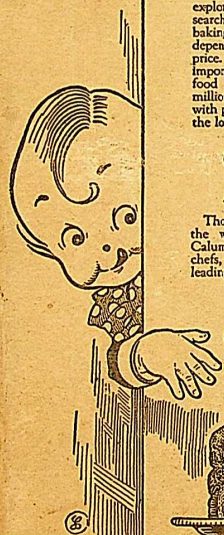
For example, the "discovery" of Calumet  
Baking Powder by Mr. W. M. Wright, 38 years  
ago.

Mr. Wright was an earnest, conscientious  
explorer in the realms of food products. He  
searched until he found a way to produce a  
baking powder of absolute purity and thorough  
dependability that could be sold at a moderate  
price. It is recognized as one of the most vitally  
important discoveries ever made in the field of  
food production, because Calumet enables  
millions of women to provide their families  
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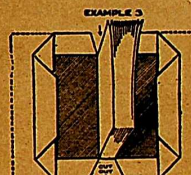
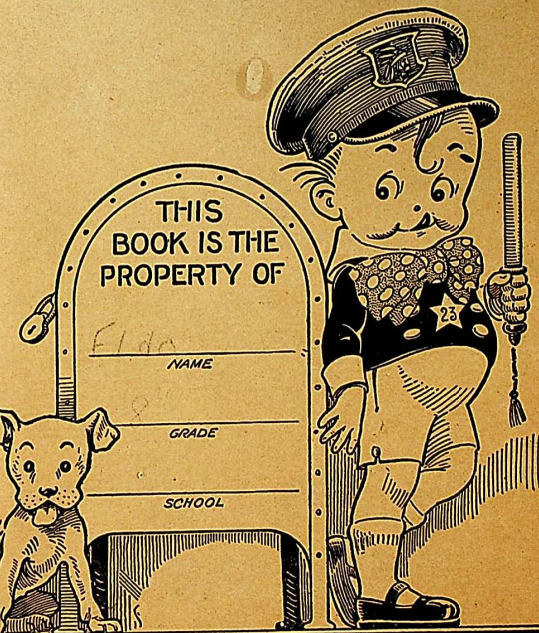
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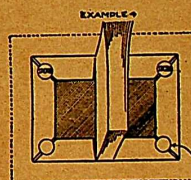
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## City council coverage 'a joke'

### Editor:

I own a business, serve on the community and economic development committee, donate and participate heavily in the town of Princeton. My frustration is with the reporting by *The North Scott Press* at our city council meetings. Sometimes I honestly think that your reporter and I were at two completely different meetings.

Let's start by clearing up a couple things:

1. The city hired a building inspector. She resigned after she was hired simply because the job required more time than she was able to devote at this point.

2. I serve on the committee that spearheaded the Main Street Iowa program. Our committee is made up of several people, only one of which is Ann Geiger. Main Street Iowa representatives instructed us to develop different categories of people to be interviewed by the Main Street Iowa reps. Those categories consisted of new residents, long-time residents, teachers, elementary school children, high-school children, police and fire, business owners, etc. Ann Geiger was in charge of contacting senior citizens and farmers, neither of which would constitute an interview with AJ Grunder. Each committee member chose their own people to contact based on the group they were working on. The committee as a whole determined the groups and contacted local residents for interviews. No one ever told Main Street Iowa not to interview AJ Grunder. If someone on our council wanted the city clerk to be interviewed, as a committee we were not asked or told. We are a committee of volunteers that give our own time to serve on this committee for the good and benefit of the town we love and want to see prosper.

3. As I approached the Community Center on the day the Main Street Iowa reps were going to give their presentation, myself and another committee member were accosted by Bill Grunder as he started screaming at us, asking, "Were you the ones that were livid that my wife was interviewed?" This wasn't the case at all. While I cannot speak for other committee members, I personally felt that the interview was done behind our backs without it ever being discussed with any of us. It wouldn't have mattered if it was AJ Grunder or Big Bird. The point being – as a committee we made the decision on how to handle the interview process and apparently someone felt as though our decisions didn't matter. Being screamed at in front of the Community Center by Bill Grunder while the Main Street reps were watching was humiliating and embarrassing – to say the least. I elected not to engage in a screaming match with him. As I was entering the building, Ann Geiger was about to come in. He of course then started screaming at her. She kept her voice down, remained calm and started walking away from the building so as not to embarrass anyone else. She handled the whole situation with class and dignity.

What the people of Princeton don't know is that Ann has always been the council member that will stick her neck out; that will fight for the town budget; that won't allow the BS because she's not afraid to say NO. She's not afraid to make enemies. She serves on our city council and takes the position very seriously.

It's always easy to just go with the majority. To not make waves. To keep everyone happy and not upset the applecart. That would not be a person I would want to serve on a city council for my town. I want someone who keeps the playing field fair and tries to ensure that everyone plays by the same set of rules – exactly what Ann does.

If you're going to send a reporter, teach her to report the truth and teach her to report both sides of the story. Her article is so one-sided, I wonder how you can call it "reporting." She reports only what is told to her by the former city clerk. It's a joke.

Finally – the entire council, not just Ann Geiger, unanimously voted to accept the clerk's resignation.

**Kris Kay**

407 River Drive, Princeton

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### Editor:

I don't usually respond to articles or opinions but I feel I must clarify some things since Sarah Hayden is determined to keep bringing up old issues full of half-truths and after-the-fact statements. In the March 19, 2014, and March 26, 2014, issues it was repeatedly stated that while I was mayor of Princeton I tried to pressure the then city clerk to do something illegal. This is simply not true! At the time I was told by family and many friends that those who really know me would just laugh these articles off, which they did. So I did not respond. Now Hayden has chosen to print these things again in the June 3, 2015, issue. I repeat again, this is not true!

My discussion with the clerk when she stated it was illegal to open a "Recreation Trail" checking account was simply, "Why Not?" Other entities have accounts, why not the Rec Trail? All she could tell me at the time was it was illegal, so I asked her to put it on the agenda and let the council discuss it. (For instance, could the council instruct the committee to become a 501c3?) When I asked her to put it on the agenda, she refused two times. That's insubordination. I insisted the third time and she then said she would. At this time she thought she hung up and call me a Dumb Mother -----! That is insubordination! Not a faux pas!

It was also stated in the June 3 issue through some "undisclosed source" that Ann Geiger instructed the group from Main Street Iowa not to interview the former clerk. Now as long as I have known Ann (that has been over 35 years) she readily admits to whatever she does or does not do, no matter what! Main Street Iowa is a State of Iowa Economic Development group that goes around Iowa with their own agenda, (over three pages) of instructions as to what to do when they visit. Not Ann's agenda. Ann is just a big reason we could get this group to come to our town to advise us as to what we can do for economic development in Princeton. As for the former clerk saying that Geiger intimidated and bullied her and her family, well there is that old saying, "the pot calling the kettle."

As for myself and my wife, we have had enough reporting on this by Hayden!

**Brent Herman**

710 River Drive, Princeton



# Main Street Iowa Program gives Princeton ideas

By Sarah Hayden

NSP Staff Writer

Three representatives from the Main Street Iowa Program met with Princeton residents earlier this month and presented their findings during a public meeting May 21 at the Princeton Community Center.

Main Street Iowa is part of the state's economic development program. It assists small towns with economic development of downtown areas while focusing on historic preservation.

"It's a good opportunity for us to get somebody that has an idea of what to do with Princeton – good, bad, or indifferent. They'll be looking at everything," council member Ann Geiger said during the May 14 city council meeting. "It's kind of nice to get

an outside view."

Community center committee chairperson Pam Opolka added, "It really makes me happy to hear we're going to have Main Street at Boll's Community Center. It's a nice place of value where people can come and have their gatherings."

According to the Iowa Economic Development Authority, the Main Street Iowa program has recorded more than \$1.4 billion in its 29-year history from private investments in construction and rehabilitation of property located in commercial districts.

Economic development committee chair Rebekah Doering said Main Street representatives interviewed 30 to 40 preselected residents, with about 20 more showing up for the voluntary interview session.

Princeton Mayor Keith Youngers said he thinks a lot of good ideas were presented by Main Street reps, but it will be the city's responsibility to follow through.

Some of those ideas include making the information sign at the community center more visible, and encouraging residents to keep lawns cleaned up and grass mowed.

"People need to stick to the ordinances," Youngers said. "(Reps) also said the city should be buying some of the property for sale so we're in control of it. As for downtown, they (suggested) a decrease in residential living and an increase in commercial areas."

Doering said Main Street representatives would be sending a formal review in about four weeks.

"They gave us a log with recommendations

on how to beautify the downtown through hanging (flower) baskets. They gave us a focus for what we should be doing, such as starting committees for social events and beautifying our town. They encouraged us to get more residents involved," she said.

Doering said Main Street reps offered fundraising ideas and suggested city officials focus on the river by holding river festivals, improve streets and expand parking downtown.

"We should look at Princeton from a visitor's point of view. We have this beautiful river and boat ramp to offer – we need to invite people downtown."

Doering added that she feels confident about putting Main Street's recommendations in motion.



# Kid 'Pickers' will get tips from expert

## Young collectors can sell stuff Saturday

Kids are invited to learn how to tell their treasures from a guy who knows a little about the art.

Mike Wolfe, one of the stars of "American Pickers" and proprietor of Antique Archaeology, is hosting Iowa's first Kid Picker Flea Market from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 13 at the LeClaire

Levee. The event, designed by Wolfe to continue to encourage kids to collect, learn about, buy and sell their picks, is open to vendors ages 7 to 13 and to shoppers of all ages. It will be filmed by the "American Pickers" television crew for a Season 7 episode of the network's show.

In addition, there will be live music throughout the day and the opportunity to see Wolfe, along with co-stars Frank Fritz and Danielle Colby as they meet and talk with the young Pickers.

The Twilight, a Mississippi riverboat, will be hosting the Kid Pickers on a sunset cruise at the end of the day. Tickets are also available for friends and families.



Danielle Colby, from left, Mike Wolfe, and Frank Fritz speak to "American Pickers" fans at a LeClaire festival in honor of the reality show in 2010.

John Schultz,  
FILE PHOTO

## WHAT PICKERS SEEK

Mike Wolfe, Frank Fritz and the Antique Archaeology team will film episodes of "American Pickers," the hit television series, throughout Iowa in July.

According to Randi Rosenthal, associate producer of the "American Pickers" show on the History channel, the pickers seek leads "and would love to explore what you have."

If you have a large collection or want to refer someone to Wolfe and Fritz, email: your

name, number, address, photos and description of the collection to americanpickers@cinetflix.com or call 855-old-rust (no retail shops or flea markets, Rosenthal adds).

The pickers' Antique Archaeology LeClaire store is at 115 Davenport St.

Frank Fritz and Mike Wolfe of the "American Pickers" documentary television show on History are seeking specific items when they come to Iowa to "pick" in July.

The show follows Wolfe and Fritz on their road trips across

the United States in search of valuable antiques and collectibles.

Among the items they will consider buying are:

- Motor scooters such as Vespas, Lambrettas or Cushman
- Motorcycles
- Old advertising signs
- Bicycles (pre-1960s to turn-of-the-century)
- Tin, wind-up and cast-iron toys
- Pre-1950s vending machines
- Pinball and slot machines
- Old movie posters

■ Unusual radios, including transistor and table-top models

■ Antique casino/gaming machines

■ Vintage movie memorabilia

■ Vintage advertising items

■ Taxidermy

■ Vintage concert posters and T-shirts

■ Early Boy Scout items

■ Pre-1960s vintage diner collectibles

■ Pre-1960s TV merchandise

■ Pre-1950s Western/equestrian gear

■ Classic motorcycle

memorabilia

■ Sports memorabilia

■ Casino tables

■ Houdini items

■ Old rodeo items

■ Airline collectibles

■ Late 1970s and earlier military items

■ "Mobster" memorabilia

■ Vintage police officer collectibles

■ Firefighter collectibles

■ Pre-1940s telephones

■ Folk art

■ Vintage BB guns and cap guns

■ Early Halloween items

■ Pre-1940s Christmas

items

■ "Hawaiiana" and Tiki collectibles

■ Vintage sports collectibles

■ Vintage election memorabilia

■ Musical instruments

■ Civil War antiques

■ Vintage gasoline pumps

■ Pre-1970s neon signs

■ Strange wood carvings

■ Vintage collegiate collectibles

The pickers do not seek farming or agriculture items, tools, glassware, appliances, tractors, crocks, stoves or country primitives.



# Feral cats causing problems in Princeton

**By Sarah Hayden**  
NSP Staff Writer

Princeton City Council member Karen Woomert noted an increase in the feral cat population in town during the May 14 regular meeting, citing an incident in which she and her dog were confronted by two wild cats in her yard.

"When someone has a dog license in town, they have to have them registered and they have to get shots. I don't know about anybody else, but my neighborhood is becoming overrun with cats.

"I'm not a happy camper about it. I'm going to borrow some cages, trap them, and I'll get them taken to the pound. My flowerbeds — (the cats) come in and spray. I don't have a cat. My dog is either on a leash or inside my fenced-in yard. I'm just fed up with it."

Chief of police Brian Carsten said the city does not have an ordinance governing cat ownership.

"That's an option we have. We can add one and then go after the problem," he said. "You'll have to budget a lot more for the Humane Society. The problem with cats is we trap them — none of them have collars, none of them have (marks of) ownership — 99 percent

of them aren't chipped like dogs. So the only option we have is to take them to the pound. We'll deal with it the best we can."

Chief Carsten said the city pays \$50 per cat if a city official delivers the animal to the Humane Society, or \$100 if an animal control officer must come out and pick up the animal.

"Now is that a good use of our time?" asked Chief Carsten.

Resident Bill Grunder noted that an abandoned vehicle on a neglected piece of property near his residence is being used by feral cats for shelter.

"This car has become cat heaven. If you get rid of the habitat, you get rid of the problem," he said. "It's full of cats! It's still full of cats!"

Council members discussed following up with the property owner about having the vehicle removed.

## Rise in water and sewer rates

Council members approved first readings of two ordinances that will raise water and sewer rates from \$10.50 to \$10.75 for the first 2,000 gallons.

City clerk AJ Grunder noted the decrease in monthly meter charges, saying, "The minimum-user rate is going down, which is

good news for fixed-income users."

The monthly meter rate for water will go from \$17.25 to \$15, while the monthly meter rate for sewer will drop from \$12.50 to \$11.

Council member Kevin Kernan said rates are going up and meanwhile, Rivercrest Estates Mobile Home Park owner Mary Diercks is still not paying her monthly bill.

Grunder stated that Diercks was placed on a payment plan three months ago. Though Diercks is not current, she has been paying toward the amount she owes.

City officials issued shut-off notices to Rivercrest residents in February, but decided against cutting water service after an agreement was reached.

The city placed a lien on Diercks' property in December for \$9,709, but records show she owed \$11,142.90 at the time the city threatened to shut off water service.

## Successful audit

Mayor Keith Youngers announced the city has received a positive audit.

"I'd like to thank our office staff for a great audit," he said.

Woomert noted only two (negative) findings: a lack of segregation of duties and the

discovery of a minor subtraction error.

## Council members also:

- Approved lighting two remaining "Welcome to Princeton" signs. Bill Grunder has paid to install a meter to light the south entrance sign and has offered to pay for the other two signs.
- Heard Mayor Youngers thank Bill Grunder for his donation to city hall of a large table and office chairs on behalf of his insurance company, Retirement Solutions of America.
- Approved spending \$2,450 for the purchase of two swinging park benches.
- Approved the reappointment of Tim Ruser to the planning and zoning commission.
- Approved the reappointment of Amy Lamfers to the park board.
- Accepted the resignation of Judy Herman from the planning and zoning commission and the economic development board.
- Approved a contract with Maquire Iron Service to clean and maintain the city's two water towers.

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# Personnel issues surface in Princeton

■ City clerk resigns; puts blame on city councilmember

By Sarah Hayden  
NSP Staff Writer

Princeton city clerk AJ Grunder and building inspector Linda Rivers have resigned, effective immediately. Both resignations were approved during a special council meeting Thursday, May 28.

Grunder had been city clerk in Princeton for nearly six years, surviving an attempt to have her terminated when a petition was circulated in February of last year.

The petition had 59 signatures from residents who claimed Grunder was rude and guilty of insubordination. When contacted by a *North Scott Press* reporter, many of those people said they signed the petition under pressure or misunderstood its intent.

The insubordination claim, Grunder said, came from an incident when she refused to authorize a request from then-mayor Brent Herman to open a city bank account she believed

to be illegal.

Familiar with state audits, she didn't want to jeopardize her position as city treasurer.

City attorney Mikkie Schiltz of Lane & Waterman called the petition "nothing more than an opinion poll."

Mayor Keith Youngers dismissed the petition, calling it harassment of a city employee, and openly declared his confidence in Grunder.

Mayor Youngers and the majority of council members made a public

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# Princeton: Council rejects transition plan

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show of support for Grunder by raising hands during the March 13, 2014 council meeting.

Council member Ann Geiger did not raise her hand, saying she did not "believe in rewarding bad behavior."

Former mayor Herman and wife, Judy, were present for Thursday's meeting.

Tension has remained between Grunder and Geiger.

When representatives from the Main Street Iowa program were in town two weeks ago, a source told *The North Scott Press* that Geiger had instructed them not to interview the clerk for ideas on how to improve the town.

An argument took place in front of the community center when AJ Grunder's husband, Bill Grunder, confronted Geiger with this information.

The incident appears to be the catalyst for Grunder's sudden resignation. Prior to the special meeting, she submitted a formal grievance to city hall in which she directly accuses Geiger of writing the petition last year.

Geiger denied writing or having anything to do with the petition at the time. While she acknowledges a confrontation took place in front of the community center, she would not comment on the record regarding the incident.

## The resignation statement

Grunder read her resignation statement to council members and the handful of residents present.

It began: "Due to the continued actions of Ann Geiger, and the simple fact that her disruptive, negative actions now extend to my family, I have come to the conclusion that I no longer desire to be the city clerk for this council."

"Ann Geiger has publicly harassed and bullied me. Her campaign of discrimination has isolated my office, limiting my ability to be an active participant in city government. She continuously demeans the position of city clerk and has created a hostile work environment." Geiger briefly shook her head, but refrained from reacting further. Other council members were clearly uncomfortable.

Grunder continued, "I have drafted a transition plan for the consideration and approval of council. If the council chooses not to accept my transition plan, please pass a motion to remove me from office immediately."

"I would like to thank you, Mayor Youngers, for being such a pleasure to work with. Your dedication and commitment to Princeton is truly admirable. Thank you, council member (Brian) Carter for being so professional; you bring logic and sensibility to the council."

Grunder choked up as she thanked deputy clerk Patty Morgan, Police Chief Brian Carsten, and public works employees Josh Genz and Ty Carstens.

"Good luck to all of the city staff," she concluded.

## Council rejects transition proposal

Grunder submitted a detailed plan for the transition and training of a new clerk, offering to stay on full time until the end of the fiscal year on July 31. But the plan came with one condition: that her pay increase from \$18.51 to \$23 an hour.

The transition plan began: "It would be best for the citizens of Princeton if I remained until the end of the fiscal year to close the financial (reports) on 2014/2015. I will be able to help



Princeton city clerk AJ Grunder (far left) reads her resignation statement as Mayor Keith Youngers, and council members Brian Carter, Liz Bosworth and Karen Woomert listen. Grunder's resignation was accepted during a special meeting May 28 after she publicly accused council member Ann Geiger of bullying her.  
NSP Photo by Sarah Hayden

acclimate and train the new clerk, as this was severely neglected when I became clerk."

It continued: "Following a calendar of training would minimize the disruption or inconvenience to our citizens and city staff and give the new clerk the ability to be confident in their new position."

Grunder's plan stated the new clerk would need training on preparing payroll, end-of-month reports, preparing reports for council meetings, writing minutes, making payments to IPERs, fiscal year-end process and transfers, utility runs, updating the website, and preparing resolutions and ordinances, among other tasks.

Her plan also included a detailed, week-by-week training schedule.

The four-page proposal concluded with the same statement: "If this is unacceptable to the council, please pass a motion to have me removed from office immediately."

Mayor Youngers made a pitch to council members to approve the proposal.

"I want to say, we just finished one of the best audits we've ever had. This is not an easy decision going forward having nobody being able to train (the next clerk)."

"When AJ was hired, we had to scramble. We had to do this, we had to do that. We have much more (work) now. I think AJ is the best to lead this person for what needs to be done in the office," he said.

Prior to Grunder, council member Karen Woomert was the city clerk for several years.

Woomert responded to Mayor Youngers' comments, saying, "(Regarding) the audit, I happened to be the city clerk that was audited. There have been comments made that I would like to rectify. There was nothing wrong in my audit. The items in my audit were nothing that could not be fixed. I was degraded, humiliated, and I still am! It's still coming up in my face. The city clerk's position is not easy, but you also have to take (it) if you're going to put out."

She continued, "I helped AJ (with training). I gave my two-week's notice when I left the city of Princeton. I helped AJ as much as possible."

Grunder interrupted, "You gave me two and a half hours, and then you did not answer phone calls, Karen."

"I had another job that I went to!" Woomert

replied.

"Please don't misrepresent that you helped," Grunder said.

"Anyway, I make a motion that we move on and let AJ go. Turn in the keys, I want passwords for the computer," Woomert responded.

Referring to Patty Morgan she added, "We have a deputy clerk that should be very well trained until we get somebody else hired."

Council member Brian Carter asked Grunder if the proposal was an all-or-nothing deal, saying, "Would you entertain the thought of working two weeks after a replacement at the current wage?"

"No, not at all," Grunder replied. "I have a position waiting at a higher wage than what you're looking at."

But Woomert wasn't done.

"I just want to say that I had a state audit done. My audit was not done by a (certified public accountant) and the state is a lot more thorough than a CPA. My understanding is that he wasn't even ..."

Grunder interrupted, "This isn't about Karen. Can we move on?"

"You're right - it's not. I'm letting our public know ...." Woomert replied.

Council member Liz Bosworth interjected, "I think at this time we are not going to approve the transition (plan)."

Grunder asked Bosworth if her comment meant she was seconding Woomert's motion to dismiss her immediately. Bosworth confirmed it was.

With that, council members voted to accept Grunder's resignation without approval of her transition plan.

As Bosworth made a motion to adjourn,

Grunder walked over to Chief Carsten, dropped her keys into his hands, and left the building without looking back.

Ann Geiger said she had no comment when asked about Grunder's resignation statement after the meeting.

Mayor Youngers added, "It's a tough transition, and I think the council is wrong with their decision not to have AJ train (the next clerk). We'll miss her. There were some personality conflicts."

Kevin Kernan said the wage proposed by Grunder was the main issue with the transition plan, but added, "I would like to thank AJ for her service."

## Building inspector

Rivers served less than two months as the city's part-time building inspector. She was approved for hire by council members during the April 9 regular meeting at a wage of \$25 an hour with a one-hour minimum.

She will continue in her other positions as part-time building inspector of Walcott and as the electrical inspector for Eldridge.

Planning and Zoning chairman Tim Ruser said he spoke with Jerry Trimble, a building inspector with the Iowa Department of Public Safety, State Fire Marshal's Office.

Trimble advised Ruser that state representatives could assist with electrical inspections when permits were needed.

Rivers, who was present for the meeting, told city leaders an electrical inspection certificate is not required when someone is initially hired.

"They have a one-year grace period to get their certification and can perform inspections during that one-year period," she said.

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# AN OLIVER TOY MAN

## The Daniel Doyle Story

**Daniel Doyle** hails from Princeton, Iowa and although he is now residing in Kansas where he works as a firefighter for the military, his heart is in the Iowa farm country and the family homestead he left behind. While Daniel has plans underway to create a special place for his toys at the family farm, he has taken a big part of his passion with him and has his huge collection of 1500 toys, with emphasis on Oliver, at his Kansas home.

"I started collecting before I was even born," Daniel said referring to the toys his grandparents got for him right from the get go. This pattern continued through Daniel's childhood. He received a tractor for birthdays, Christmas and any special occasion.

Daniel remembers a picture of himself surrounded by a dozen tractors dating back to 1968. That is just one of the pictures he has documenting his childhood of Oliver and other toy brands. The local newspaper covered Daniel and his collection back in 1987 when he had less than a fourth of his current collection. At that time he had

around 450 toys. The story ran just two years after Daniel graduated from high school.

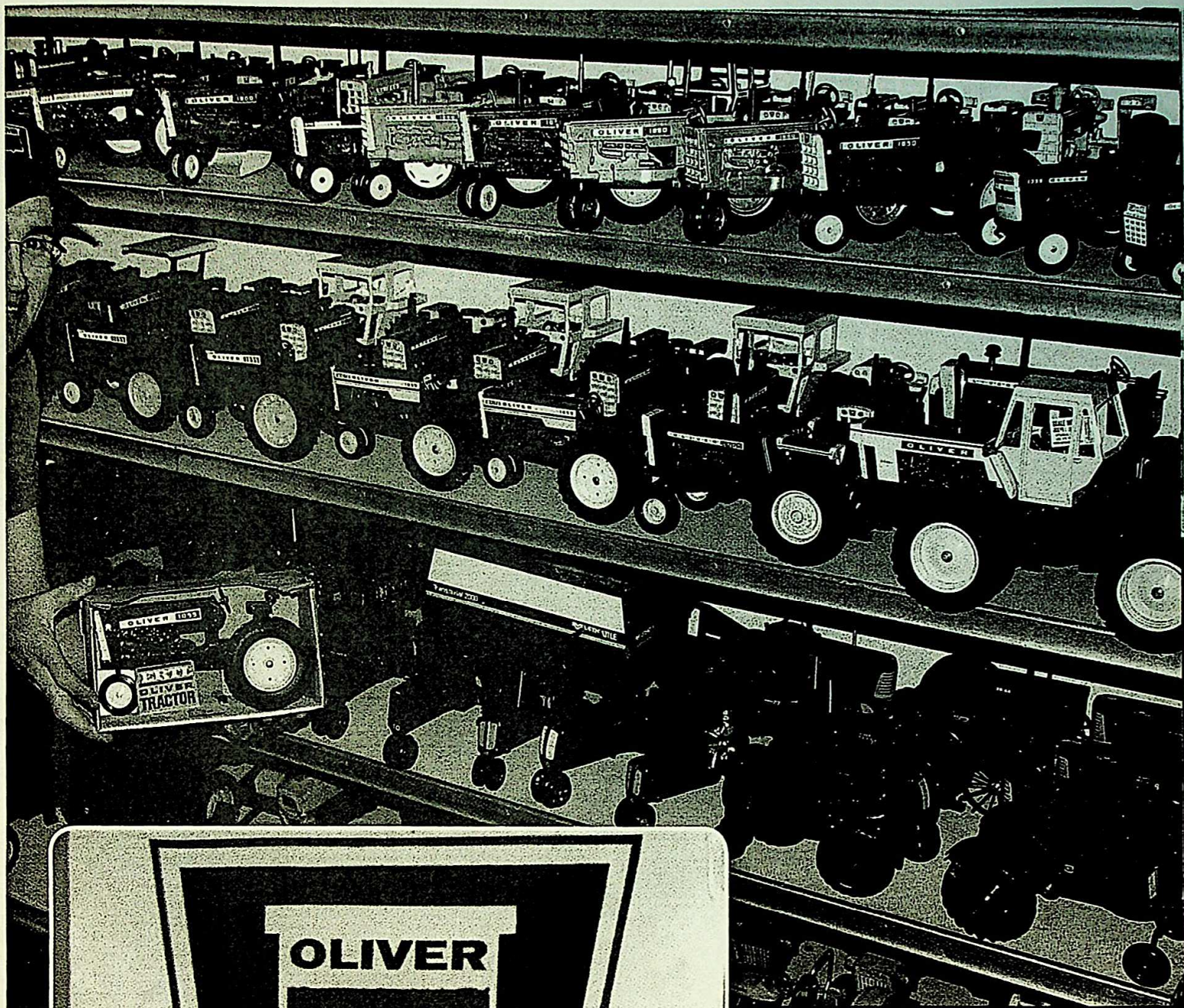
"I have Oliver toys and an Oliver garden tractor, model 105," Daniel said. "Oliver is in our blood. Our little town of Princeton, Iowa had a dealership and my grandpa worked there as a parts guy. The dealership was the well-known H.E. Lund Implement."

From Daniel's recollection, the dealership was much more than just a place of business; it was also a hangout and a social Mecca for farmers and friends to gather. "I grew up hanging

out here," Daniel said. "It opened at 7:00 a.m. and there would be people waiting outside at 6:45. They rolled dice and played cards."

One of the neat things at the dealership that Daniel remembers is a wooden Oliver plow on a mantel that could be seen when first entering the dealership. When the business sold in 1984 Daniel and his FFA club chipped in to help out with the sale. "My FFA Chapter had everybody help. We loaded toys and stuff, a lot that dated back. They (the dealership) carried items of all brands and had a bit of what anyone could want."





Along with his toys, Daniel has memorabilia as well with a few special items like his flag from the first Farm show in Iowa in 1933. This was given to Daniel by the second owners of the dealership for all of the help at the dealership. They gave him this as well as a Nylint white service truck NIB that says Princeton Implement Inc. Princeton, Iowa. While not an Oliver item, Daniel also has a very cool salesman sample of an early hog feeder made by Marting Manufacturing.

"I found Nichols & Shepherd banners never unrolled and more," Daniel shared.



“...You think you’ve got everything then something else catches your eye.”



Daniels collection includes the Toy Farmer toys, and all of the Oliver toys up to 1974. “I am only missing an Arcade manure spreader,” he added.

He has Spec Cast and Scale Model with just one toy shy of the complete White toy collection. “I have the entire maroon belly Allis Chalmers collection and all of the John Deere toys from the 1950s, both New in the Box (NIB) and sandbox condition. Daniel also has the first John Deere loader that is now being reproduced. He has New Holland and about every brand. “I have got a Big Bud in both the 1/64<sup>th</sup> and 1/32<sup>nd</sup>, but I collect mostly in the 1/16<sup>th</sup> scale.”

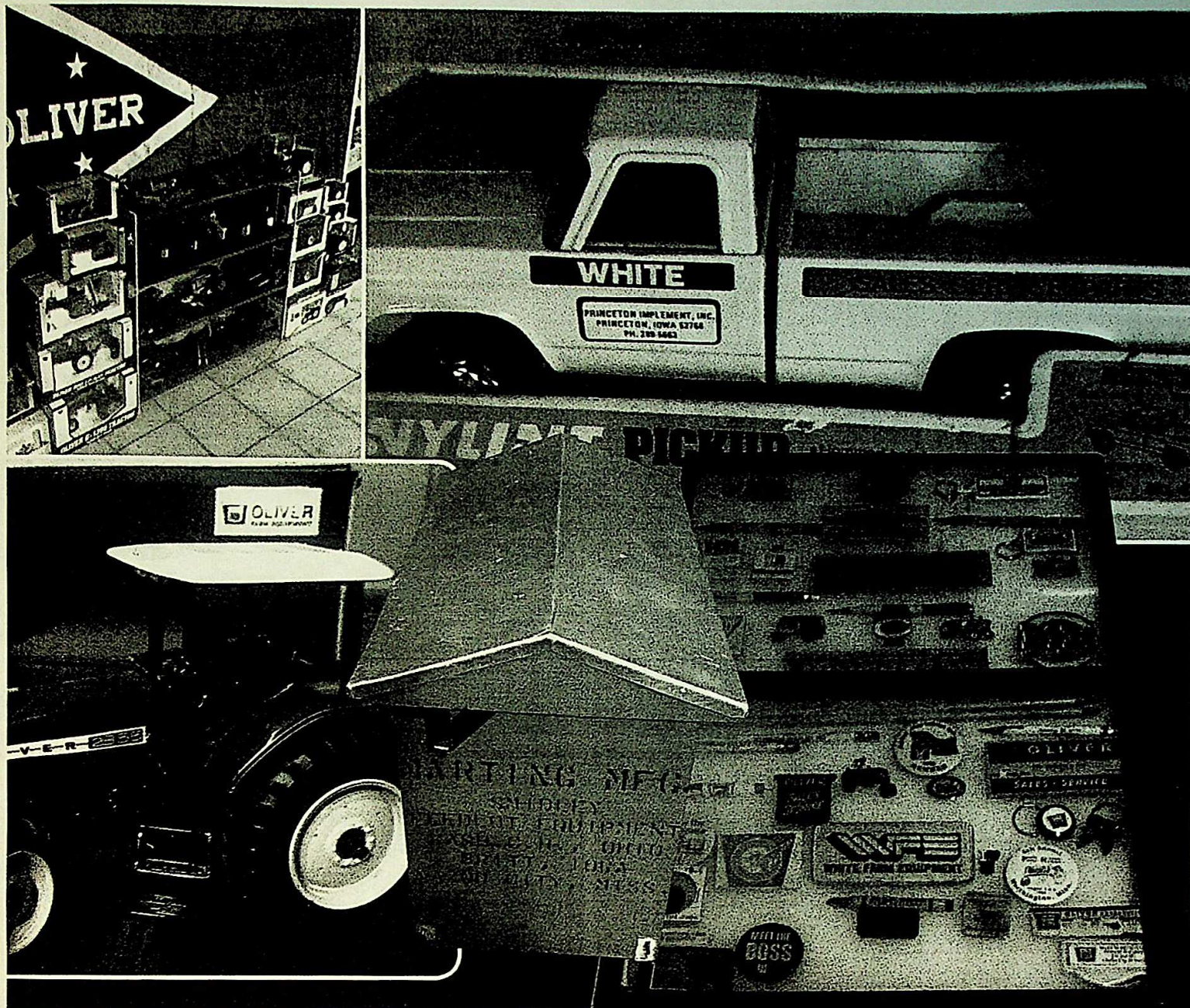
One fond memory Daniel has is when he had the chance to sit in a Big Roy in Washington, Iowa when he was 11.

Besides collecting farm toys, Daniel also customizes them as well. After buying toys and not being able to find what he wanted, he started customizing them to create what he was looking for. “I get plain Jane toys then I’ll add all the features to it,” Daniel said. “I also custom-built an Oliver 2855. And I am making things they never made.”

Two toy farm tractors he created have a sentimental ring to them. The first is a chrome Oliver like the one that was on the shelf in

his grandfather’s office at the dealership. The model signified that his grandfather had sold the second most tractors in the region. The second model is a gold Oliver tractor that belonged to the owner of the dealership. That signified the most tractors in 1965 and 1966 sold in the region. The owner received this at the President Council Awards banquet when they had their regional get together. Since the originals have long since disappeared Daniel recreated his own versions using pictures for a guide. “I also built a custom 3-bottom plow and took an IH baler and made an Oliver baler.”




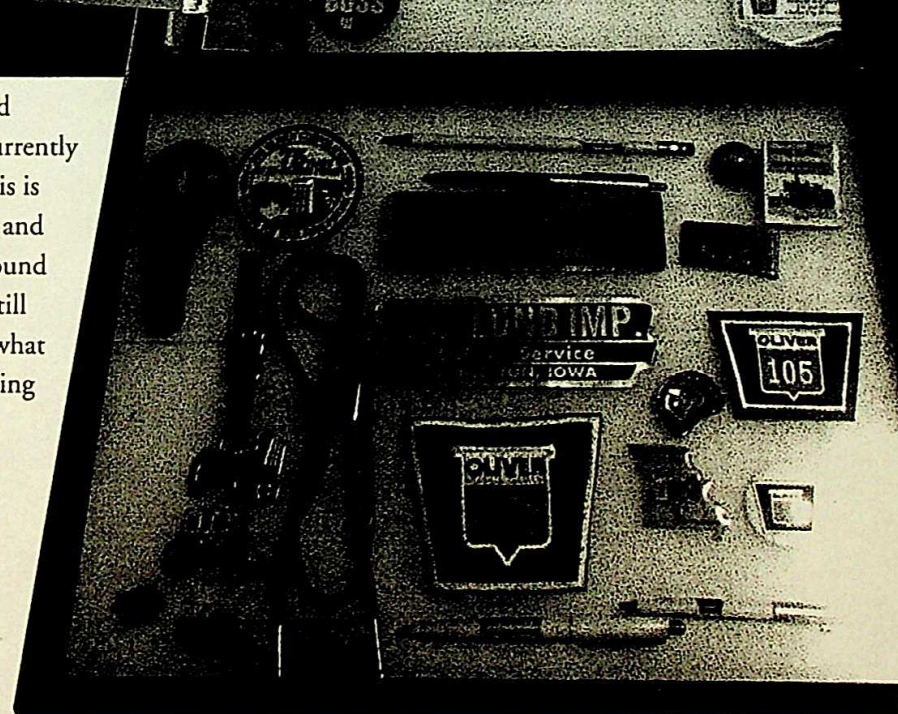


As for his future plans, Daniel is fixing up the old homestead to be a toy haven and man cave and is currently building shelves to hold his huge toy collection. This is a family hobby and Daniel said that his grandfather and father Richard's collection, besides toys, includes around 100 garden tractors and Daniel is not done. He is still collecting too, "I am still looking for more. That is what makes this hobby fun. You think you've got everything then something else catches your eye."

To take a gander at Daniel's collection he invites readers to click on his Daniel Doyle Facebook page.

Daniel moved from Iowa to Kansas 13 years ago following his fire chief to the new location. Everyone in Leavenworth knows Daniel as the toy and tractor guy, "I eat, sleep and dream tractor talk all of the time."

That's the passion of this Oliver toy man. 





## Bernice Frazier to mark 95<sup>th</sup> birthday

Bernice Frazier of Princeton will celebrate her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday with a family picnic at her daughter's home in Princeton on June 13. No gifts, please.

Bernice Woomert was born June 14, 1920, at her parents' home in Princeton, the daughter of Lee and Lena Woomert.

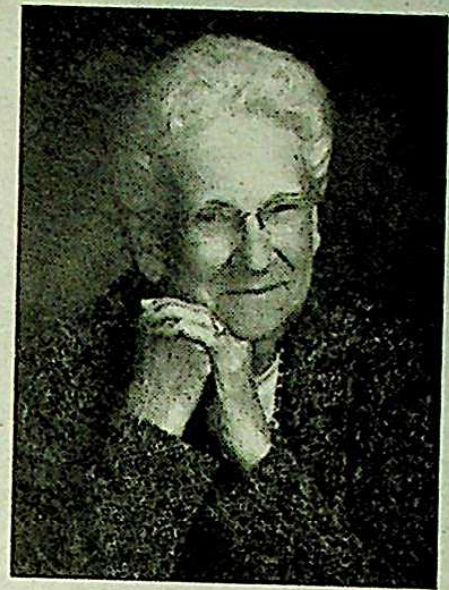
She married Thomas Frazier on Jan. 18, 1941, in Davenport. He is deceased.

She was a homemaker.

She is a member of Zion Lutheran Church of Princeton. She loves to watch the Cubs, Bulls, and Iowa Hawkeyes, and enjoys spending time with her kids, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Her children are Bill (Doris) Frazier of Bettendorf; John (Cheryl) Frazier, and Carl (Jan) Frazier, all of Princeton; and Pam (Frank) Gingras, of Deland, Fla., and Princeton.

**Bernice Frazier**



Her grandchildren are Shelley (Jeff) Noack, Dan (Lydia) Frazier, Sherri (Fred) Hoag, Michael (Joyce) Frazier, Sarah (Dan) Kane, Joe Frazier, Michael Grosz, Chris (Gretchen) Frazier, Craig (Alicia) Frazier, Michelle (Jen) Gingras, and Julie (Brian) Bouchard. She has 18 great-grandchildren.

## Princeton City Council

**Special Meeting  
May 28, 2015**

Mayor Youngers called the Special Session Meeting of the Princeton City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on May 28, 2015. Council Present: Carter, Bosworth, Woomert, Geiger, and Kernan.

Council member Carter motioned to accept the resignation of Building inspector, seconded by Bosworth. All ayes, no nays. Motion carried.

Council discussed the open position of building inspector – discussion only – information shared, no action taken.

Council Carter shared information regarding Hamilton construction and economic development. No action taken.

Council Carter motioned to accept the resignation of the City Clerk, seconded by Bosworth. All ayes, no nays. Motion carried.

The clerk read her resignation to the public.

Council Woomert motioned to deny the transition plan for the City Clerk position, please turn in all keys and passwords for the computers immediately. Council Carter asked if the transition plan was all or nothing. Woomert commented that the way it is written, yes. Carter asked the clerk if she would consider two week training after new clerk hired. Comment no, I have a higher paying job waiting for me. Bosworth seconded motion. All ayes, no nays. Motion carried.

Bosworth motioned to adjourn, Carter seconded. All ayes, no nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

**Keith Youngers, Mayor    Patty Morgan, Deputy Clerk**



Princeton, Iowa

## **Princeton Days set for next weekend**

Princeton Days will be Aug. 25-26 and will feature free children's events, adult attractions, boat rides, canoe races, a golf tournament, food, vendors, a parade, road races, a car show, a karaoke contest and live rock bands.

"Our Princeton Days activities will be on River Drive so everyone will have a chance to enjoy our beautiful river scenery, a boat ride and a comfortable breeze coming off the Mississippi," said Mayor Keith Youngers. "What could be better on a summer day?"

Former Princeton mayor and first lady Dave and Roberta McLaughlin will serve as grand marshals of the parade, which begins at 11 a.m. Aug. 26. "We are inviting people to come visit Princeton, get your feet wet in the Mississippi, meet good people, have a good day of fun and go home with the possibility of money left in your pocket," said Mike Kernan, chairman of the Princeton Days Committee.

Those wanting to sign up for the Aug. 25 golf tournament at Olathea Golf Course should call Trent Fletcher at (563) 940-5937.

Princeton's community center parking lot will be the scene of a youth bands rock festival from 6-11 p.m. Aug. 25 and from 2-9 p.m. Aug. 26. The Princeton Lions Club will serve pancakes at the fire station from 7-10 a.m. Aug. 26.

Princeton churches will be collecting historical facts and personal histories for display at the library.

"We are going to have interesting displays and lots of huge sheets of paper so everyone can share their story," said Barb Schwartz, chairwoman of the archive committee.

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## *Minnie Oliver*

PRINCETON -- Funeral services for Mrs. Minnie A. Oliver, 80, were held at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 10 in the McGinnis Chapel, Bettendorf, with Dr. John Koning officiating.

Burial was in Salem Lutheran Cemetery, Princeton.

Mrs. Oliver died Wednesday at the Lantz Nursing Home, Davenport, after an illness of three months duration.

Minnie Poston was born on October 22, 1892 in Graettinger, Iowa. She married Dave Oliver in 1937. He preceded her in death in 1952.

Mrs. Oliver taught at the Sycamore School near LeClaire for eight years. She later served as clerk at the Princeton postoffice for five years, and as postmistress for twenty years.

She was a long-time member of Daughters of Union Veterans.

Surviving is a brother, Lloyd Poston, Rock Island.



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on the Mississippi River

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# Princeton to host annual garden walk

**By Alan Dale**  
NSP Assistant Editor

A benefit community garden walk is set for Saturday, July 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with proceeds going to the Princeton Community Center.

This is the second year that they have hosted this garden walk in Princeton.

"That was better than expected," Val Rasche, the garden walk chairperson said of last's year's event. "I just made it up, put it together, and had a good turnout. We hope it will be even better this year."

Rasche said she had 75 tickets made up, thinking that would be plenty, and ended up selling 210.

She added that this year she plans on having more tickets, but is not sure of the final number yet.

"I believe (more will come this year)," Rasche said. "I have talked to people who were here last year, and they were looking forward to coming out again and looking at the gardens."

Rasche also said people approached her saying they didn't even realize there had been a walk planned for Princeton. That attention alone could increase turnout with the newfound recognition for the event.

"I am anticipating more people, I just hope the weather holds out," Rasche said.

The walk is scheduled to begin at the community center, 428 South River Drive, and participants are invited to check in, buy a \$5 ticket, and pick up a map and a bottle of cold water to start their tour.

Each guest is invited to return to the center to enjoy refreshments and mark their ballots for their favorite garden.

Representatives from the Iowa State University Extension office will be on site to answer any gardening questions.

"Five of our River Drive home gardens are again on our tour, so guests will have the opportunity to stroll along the beautiful Mississippi River on a summer's day," Rasche said.



Princeton resident Val Rasche is looking forward to a successful Garden Walk.